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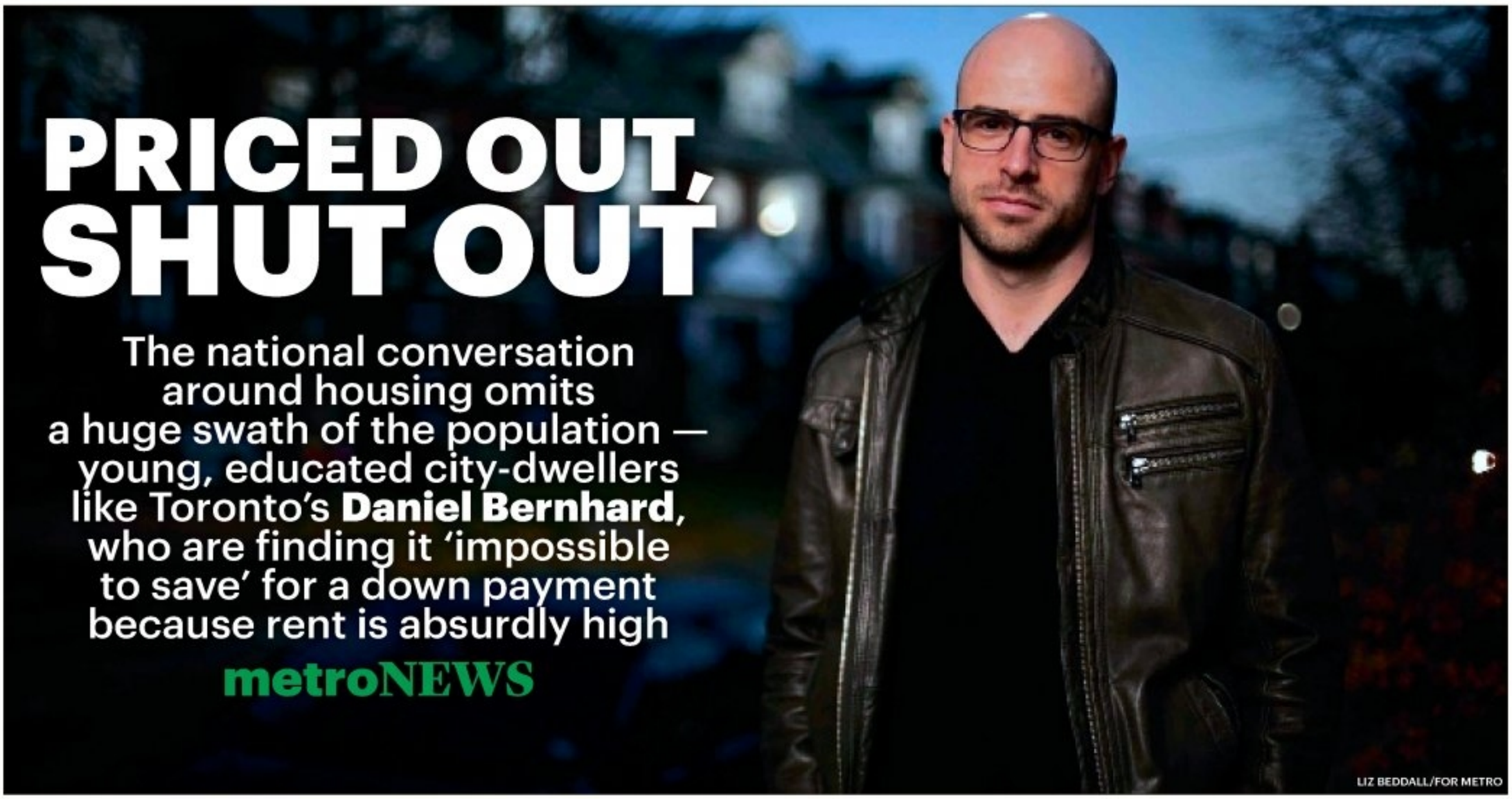

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Black Friday still a draw

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Despite more e-commerce, retail stores see sales surge

Analytics firm RetailNext said that Black Friday sales in the U.S. dropped 1.6 per cent last year and declined 14.1 per cent in 2014. Traffic dropped 1.8 per cent in 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

GTA retailers are expecting another busy Black Friday this year, despite reports in the U.S. suggesting that consumer interest in the event may be flagging.

"Black Friday is not even close to dead, if anything, it's growing," said Gerry Storch, chief executive officer, Hudson's Bay Company.

Storch said consumer response to Hudson's Bay daily deals in the countdown to Christmas have been strong.

Canadian retail trade figures, released Tuesday by Statistics Canada, showed a modest improvement in consumer spending in September, good news for retailers heading into the holiday shopping season.

"Ontario is doing a little bit better than the national average, job growth has been OK in this province, economic growth has been a bit above average, so we're looking at a moderate gain in holiday spending in this province," said Douglas Porter, chief economist, BMO Financial Group.

Porter said the weakness of the Canadian dollar relative to the greenback is keeping Black Friday shoppers north of the border this year, as it has since 2013.

"It's our biggest traffic day," said Craig Flannagan, a spokesperson for Cadillac Fairview, which owns malls in prime locations across Canada, including Toronto Eaton Centre, Sherway Gardens and Fairview.

"There are some variations, but it is really across our portfolio, from Moncton to Vancouver," said Flannagan, adding that mall traffic on Black Friday is expected to continue to grow.

"It is not as novel, for sure, as it once was, but I think it's become more ingrained and normal in the Canadian shopper psyche," he said.

Before Black Friday launched in Canada, advertising used to increase around Labour Day and Christmas, but nowadays the surge on Black Friday is noticeable, said Eric Orticello, president, Media Dimensions, a media planning and strategy company.

"Five years ago or three years ago, a lot of brands would add Black Friday to their marketing campaigns as an afterthought. Now it's being built into an annualized campaign," said Orticello.

"If you want to get into Black Friday last minute, it's going to be impossible."

Yorkdale Mall general manager Claire Santamaria said Black Friday traffic dropped in 2014 because the property was under construction, which reduced the number of available parking spaces for visitors, but climbed up again in 2015, to 78,937.

Boxing Day at Yorkdale, while still bigger than Black Friday, has seen traffic drop every year since 2012, to 99,968 last year.

Moneris, Canada's largest processor of credit and debit card payments, is predicting an 8 per cent increase in spending at bricks and mortar stores this Black Friday, after an increase of 9.6 per cent in 2015.

And yet there are signals that growth in traffic to bricks-and-mortar stores on Black Friday may be levelling off in Canada.

At Toronto Eaton Centre, Black Friday foot traffic grew between 2011 and 2013, to 279,401 before dropping by 1,900 in 2014 and increasing by 1,300 in 2015, essentially remaining close to flat over the two-year period.

Analytics firm RetailNext said that Black Friday sales in the U.S. dropped 1.6 per cent last year and declined 14.1 per cent in 2014. Traffic dropped 1.8 per cent in 2015 and 16 per cent in 2014.

Bloomberg senior analyst Poonam Goyal predicts that people will still be lining up before doors open for specials, but ventures there will be fewer because the event has been stretched out, with deals being offered well in advance of Black Friday, and into the week after Cyber Monday.

In addition, people have become more comfortable shopping online.

"The urgency of the four-hour event has disappeared," said Goyal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

> **I think it's become more ingrained and normal in the Canadian shopper psyche.**
> Craig Flannagan, Cadillac Fairview

INNOVATION

Food delivery service turns to vending machines

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

This ain't your parents' vending machine.

Former food delivery service Feast is looking to bring high-tech vending machines stocked with their "farm to fork" lunch offerings to the PATH.

Imported from Italy, and boasting touch screens and robotic arms, the vending machines incorporate features commonly found on e-commerce sites or sharing economy apps, said Feast CEO Steven Harmer.

Hungry users can set up subscriptions, view inventory on the nearest machine or put their favourite beet and kale salad or Portobello sandwich on hold so others can't chow down on it.

Each machine will be stocked each morning with meals prepared at Feast's central kitchen.

Feast began as a food delivery service, but Harmer said the operation "didn't scale." The company decided to pivot to vending machines after learning they're one of the fastest growing segments of the restaurant industry.

"Automated technology is catching on in other parts of the world," Harmer said. "There are examples in the U.S. where food vending is growing significantly and it's certainly been the case in Europe for a while."

> **It's the next generation of vending.**
> Steven Harmer

Harmer is aiming to have vending machines up and running in the PATH by March 1, and said Feast is eyeing other spaces, from hospitals to airports. In the meantime, Feast meals can be found at various Balzac's Coffee locations.

Typically the domain of potato chips and chocolate bars, local vending machines will now be stocked with locally sourced sandwiches and salads from Feast. COURTESY FEAST

IN BRIEF

Drones could deliver defibrillators: Researchers

Researchers at the University of Toronto believe drones can help paramedics save lives.

They've created a hypothetical network of drones that would deliver life-saving defibrillators to those in cardiac arrest.

"The benefits could be huge," said U of T researcher Timothy Chan, an associate professor of industrial engineering and director of the Centre for Healthcare Engineering.

The "paradox" of cardiac arrest, he said, is that interventions are focused on public access to AEDs, although 80 per cent of cardiac arrest occurs in private residences. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Third man appears in court in homicide case

A third man arrested in the death of an American killed while attending a bachelor party in Toronto appeared in court Tuesday.

Andrew Christopher O'Brien faces a charge of second-degree murder and turned himself in to police Monday, accompanied by lawyer Christophe Preobrazenski. O'Brien is accused along with two others in the beating death of Julian Jones. The Maryland man died Nov. 5 after what police allege was an unprovoked fight. Kenneth Omorojbe and Kamari Folkes, have already been arrested and charged with second-degree murder. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Pundit warns that Canada vulnerable to 'hate waves'

Van Jones, a CNN political contributor and former White House policy adviser, says "hate waves" are playing out in all Western democracies, and anyone who thinks Canada will be immune to the class tensions and divisive forces that swept Donald Trump to power is wrong.

Jones says working-class people, particular white ones, are feeling left behind and reacting in "xenophobic and racist" ways. He was in Toronto to delivery a keynote address in the city at an event organized by the Broadbent Institute. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TTC fare dodgers debated

TRANSIT

Mayor Tory backtracks on blame and shame idea

Mayor John Tory says he wasn't serious when he suggested publicly shaming TTC fare cheats, but his comments have reopened the debate on an important issue for the cash-strapped transit agency — is fare evasion on the rise?

Tory raised eyebrows Monday night when, during his regular television call-in show on CP24, he revealed that he had pitched a novel method of cracking down on fare evasion to TTC brass.

"I even said we may have to get to the stage where we have to shame people and publish their picture in the newspaper and say, this is somebody who for the sake of a TTC fare made everybody else pay," he said.

Asked Tuesday morning about his comments, Tory said that he was "musing" and wasn't intent on carrying out the plan.

Torstar's Ben Spurr rides the crowded 504 streetcar. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

But he didn't walk back his on-air statement that "there are far more people now evading fares than was the case in the past."

Among TTC users waiting for the 504 streetcar at Yonge and King streets on Tuesday evening, there was no consensus that fare fraud is getting worse.

"I don't know about on the rise, but it's always been there," said Shayan Raji. Yet Raji admitted that in the past he hasn't always been above skipping out on paying full price himself.

"Sometimes if you don't have 25 cents and it's $3.25, they don't let you on. Other times they do. So it's all just trial and error," he said. Raji said he now has a Metropass.

Warren Garrett said he always pays full fare — unless he's not able to. He uses a Presto card, and sometimes the reader on the streetcar isn't working.

"I go to another machine on the car. If they're all out, I just say to the driver, they're not working. That's it," he said. He estimated that he's been unable to pay only once or twice because of Presto malfunctions. (The TTC has advised riders to carry alternate forms of payment until the Presto roll-out is complete, scheduled for late 2017.)

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The fine for refusing to pay a TTC fare. Those who use "invalid fare" media are fined $425.

According to the TTC, there's no evidence that fare evasion is increasing.

"Our experience around fare evasion remains fairly consistent," wrote agency spokesman Brad Ross in an email. He said that roughly two or three per cent of riders don't pay, a rate typical of public transit systems.

TTC chairman Josh Colle said he's "heard those same stories" about fare evasion rising, and believes there could be some truth to them.

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ALS RESEARCH

Space worms tell tales

A group of Toronto high school students is hoping that one small step for worms could mean one giant leap for mankind.

After sending about 30,000 worms to space and back, the team is analyzing whether its findings could help treat patients suffering from ALS.

The project is part of the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program, run by the National Center for Earth and Space Science Education. It enables students to conduct microgravity experiments in space.

At the University of Toronto Schools, a secondary day school affiliated with U of T, 30 groups competed for the chance to send an experiment to the International Space Station as part of the program.

"We were challenged to create a project that we thought would be meaningful and impactful to do in space ... something that would ... impact the real world," said Annie Gravely, a Grade 10 student who was part of the winning group.

"At first it was like a huge thing," said Annie, 14. "How can you possibly come up with an idea that wouldn't have been done before, or wouldn't be too simple or trying (too hard)?"

There were many restrictions about what the experiment could entail. It had to fit in an 8-millilitre tube, not involve any chemicals, LED lights or electronics and only take about a minute for astronauts aboard the ISS to conduct.

"We sent these worms because the tube is really small," said Alice Vlasov, also in Grade 10. "You can't fit any live animals except for worms, which are microscopic."

The experiment aims to form a connection between the muscle atrophy that both astronauts in space and people with ALS experience.

Knowing that a protein called ASM-2 (acid sphingomyelinase) increases in patients with ALS, the group wanted to test how microgravity affects ASM-2 levels in worms.

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Students will examine worms that have travelled to space.
CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

Ontario needs work on emissions: Study

Ontario has made gains on greenhouse gas reductions but its carbon footprint is "dangerously large," warns the province's environmental commissioner in her annual report.

And with transportation the "highest- and fastest-growing source of emissions," that must be the government's priority, says Dianne Saxe.

While Ontario has passed an "ambitious" climate change mitigation act — which introduces a cap-and-trade program for industrial polluters next year, as well as a plan for how to spend funds from emission permits — Saxe said she still has concerns.

"The government proposes to link our cap-and-trade program with California and Quebec starting in 2018," she told reporters at Queen's Park, referring to an idea that would allow Ontario polluters to purchase credits from those jurisdictions to put toward their own targets.

"In the first few years of a linked system, it could often be cheaper for Ontario emitters to purchase California allowances, permits to pollute, than to reduce emissions in Ontario."

Mike Schreiner of the Green Party accused the Liberals of "using cap-and-trade proceeds to further their political self-interest" with electricity subsidies. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Walleye full of mercury

For the residents of Grassy Narrows who have fished Clay Lake and Wabigoon River downstream for generations, walleye is a dietary staple.

Now a comprehensive analysis of provincial data analyzed for Torstar News Service confirms what has long been suspected: the walleye they are eating are the most mercury-contaminated in Ontario.

The mercury in an average meal of walleye from Clay Lake is 15 times the daily tolerable intake limit for adults, and about 40 times the limit for women of child-bearing age, pregnant women and children.

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Reality of housing market not reflected in strategy

SHELTER

Advocate 'discouraged' high prices not addressed

May Warren
Metro | Toronto

The first glimpse at what's in store for Canada's National Housing Strategy misses the mark when it comes to millennials and young families, says one youth advocate.

A federal government report released Tuesday presents the results of four months of nationwide consultations on housing that will shape recommendations in the final strategy, planned for release sometime next year.

It identifies key priorities, like eliminating homelessness, and recognizing the unique challenges indigenous people face in finding housing.

But there's not enough about the growing problem of young people priced out of home ownership — and even the rental market — in big cities like Toronto, said Paul Kershaw, founder of the non-profit Generation Squeeze.

"I'm very discouraged by the way in which this report suggests it has heard from Canadians across the country because it is still reflecting a very outdated sense of what's happening in the housing market," he told Metro.

Youth are mentioned in the report, but they are lumped into a category of vulnerable groups called "other," along with LGBTQ people and veterans. They're also not highlighted at all in the executive summary.

Daniel Bernhard and his partner rent in Little Italy, and doubt they'll ever be able to save up enough for a down payment on a home, as rent already eats up so much of their income. LIZ BEDDALL/FOR METRO

The report fails to recognize that while rising home prices, across the GTA and in other cities like Vancouver and Victoria B.C., have benefited older Canadians, younger people have lost out because they just can't crack the market, Kershaw said.

It's a problem Toronto's Daniel Bernhard knows well.

The 29-year-old small business owner shares a one-bedroom plus den apartment in Little Italy with his partner, who's also a professional.

He'd love to own a home but "could never imagine" buying in the area but it's "basically impossible to save" with rent being so high.

Michelle German, co-ordinator of the GTA Housing Action Lab, said although young people aren't highlighted in the report, there are suggested programs and funding proposals they could benefit from, including incentives for developers to build more affordable rental units.

Coun. Ana Bailão, Toronto City Council's housing advocate, noted a key theme of the report is making housing affordable — and that will benefit everyone. In addition to dealing with important issues like homelessness and social housing, she said it's important to recognize high rent and out-of-reach home ownership in Toronto where the emergency button is flashing "very red."

"We haven't had action on this file from the federal government for over a generation," she said.

"For me, the most important thing is balancing between the complexity of the file and the urgency of the issue."

But for Bernhard it's "frustrating" not to see realities like his reflected.

"Nobody wants to talk about devaluing the housing market," he said about the report.

"Unless the prices go back down to some sort of sane level, we are not going to be able to have affordable housing."

METRO KEY FINDINGS

The 66-page report summarizes the results of four months of nationwide consultation with Canadians on what they'd like to see from a National Housing Strategy. These are some takeaways.

30+ YRS

RENTAL DECAY

75% of apartment buildings across the country are more than 30 years old and "many" are in poor shape or in need of repair.

INCOME VS. COST

The price of houses across the country has grown, on average, almost three times faster than income over the last 15 years. In Toronto and Vancouver, prices grew more than four times faster than average income.

HOMELESSNESS

A fundamental goal should be eliminating homelessness, or, if that's not possible, make it more rare, according to feedback from Canadians.

INDIGENOUS HOUSING

According to the report, indigenous peoples said that they want a separate, parallel strategy for the unique housing challenges they face, on and off reserves.

AFFORDABILITY

Access to affordable housing, especially for low-income people and vulnerable people, is a priority for Canadians, according to the report.

Mayors, councillors head to Ottawa

Municipal politicians from across Canada are heading to Parliament Hill this week to have their say in how the next phase of the Liberals' massive, multi-billion dollar infrastructure plan gets rolled out.

Among them is Toronto city councillor Mike Layton, a committee member at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities — the advocacy group that organized the event.

"Over the course of the next two days, 150 mayors and city councillors will have meetings with 150 MPs of every political stripe," Layton said.

Layton met with housing critics from the NDP and Conservative Party on Tuesday, and said funding for housing is a top priority.

"Both rural and urban municipalities are in a very similar boat when it comes to public housing," he said, noting cities both large and small are dealing with aging housing infrastructure.

Toronto Community Housing is staring down a $2.6-billion repair backlog, and Layton wants to see the feds pick up some of the tab.

The Liberals have pledged to spend $125 billion on infrastructure in the next decade.

"We need to make sure the federal government sets aside money for things like the state of good repair of existing public housing units, and more funds for new units," he said.

Layton also said he'd be speaking with officials about Toronto's home energy loan program, which offers loans to residents to retrofit their houses with energy-efficient appliances.

According to Layton, issues with the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation's insurance program have prevented people from qualifying for the program. He's hoping to change that.

"It would allow us to help improve the affordability of people's homes and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions," he said. MAY WARREN/METRO

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Pets ticked off over explosion of fleas

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They're not alone. There's been an explosion of fleas and ticks across the city thanks to the warm summer and mild fall.

"This season is one of the worst I've seen in 18 years," said Scott Bainbridge, a staff veterinarian at Dundas West Animal Hospital. "Fleas like an extended period of heat and moisture. Our summer was fantastic for this. We get the bloom once it cools off."

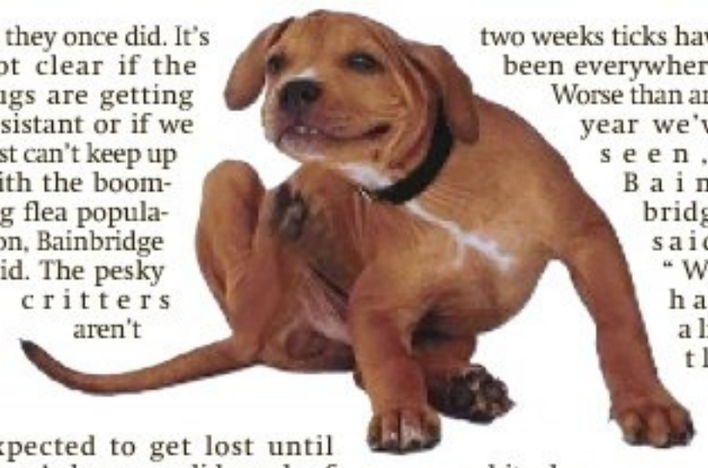
> **This season is one of the worst I've seen in 18 years.**
> Scott Bainbridge

In addition to being itchy and obnoxious, fleas can give humans nasty allergic reactions and infect pets with tapeworm, Bainbridge added.

To make matters worse, flea remedies available at pet stores aren't working as well as they once did. It's not clear if the bugs are getting resistant or if we just can't keep up with the booming flea population, Bainbridge said. The pesky critters aren't expected to get lost until there's been a solid week of below-zero temperatures.

The outbreak of deer ticks is a bit of a different story: They thrive in the early spring and late fall, but can pop back up anytime temperatures reach 4 C or above.

"For the last two weeks ticks have been everywhere. Worse than any year we've seen," Bainbridge said. "We had a little white dog, who the owner swears never leaves the sidewalk, come in with a big tick on its back."



He advises talking to your vet about flea and tick prevention products, especially because the ticks have been spreading Lyme disease: 40 cases in dogs this season at his practice alone.

And, "If your dog gets (a tick), there's a good chance you'll get one."

Duly noted.

STOLEN VAN

Workers who found dogs called heroes

The men who recovered 16 dogs from a stolen van got a chance to meet the relieved owners face-to-face Tuesday.

The relieved pet parents welcomed railway workers Joe Farrugia, Jaime Teran and Tom Reigh at Toronto police 14 Division.

"I just want to thank them for bringing the dogs home," said Sheila O'Tool, whose dog, Agnes, was among those in the van.

"To us you're very much heroes … You saw something and you said something and so many people don't."

Around 11 a.m. Friday, a van belonging to Soulmutts dog daycare was stolen from outside a Fort York Blvd. condominium building while the driver went upstairs to pick up a dog.

Soulmutts said its staff have two keys for each vehicle — one for the driver to keep at all times and another to leave in the ignition, so the climate-control systems are running at all times.

Farrugia, Teran and Reigh found the van in a parking lot on Queen's Quay E. near Parliament St. that evening. All 16 dogs were in good health, police said.

Farrugia said it was "amazing" to meet all the owners.

"I'm a dog owner myself. I know how it feels," he said. "They're family."

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Jaime Teran, Joe Farrugia and Tom Reigh met again with the dogs they recovered last week and the dogs' grateful owners.
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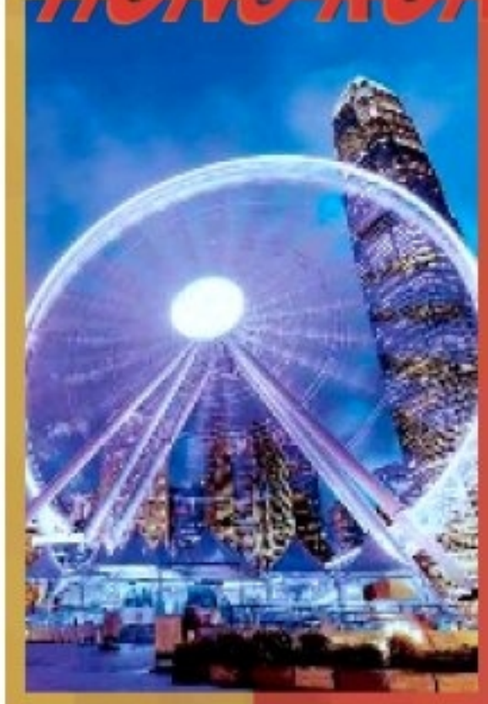

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Talisha Ramsaroop said the city's Protégé program, which pairs young women with sitting female councillors, "helped open a lot of doors" for her. LIZ BEDDALL/FOR METRO

Positive push for young women

COMMUNITY

Program connects youth with female councillors

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Before she joined Toronto's Protégé program, Talisha Ramsaroop had never even been to city hall.

Now, she's got her sights set on a council seat.

Launched in 2008, the program pairs young women with female councillors for six months, offering them a glimpse into the political process. The goal is to increase the number of women on council; currently women represent 52 per cent of the city's population but hold only 31 per cent of council seats.

The deadline to apply for this year's program is Thursday.

Ramsaroop took part in the program three years ago, and was paired with Coun. Maria Augimeri. She said that as a young, racialized woman, the experience was "empowering."

"I grew up in Jane and Finch. We don't have a lot of opportunities like that in my community," she said. "I had always dreamed of being a city councillor, but I didn't really see it as a reality."

That changed after meeting Augimeri. Ramsaroop says the councillor was extremely supportive and "helped open a lot of doors."

Augimeri even let Ramsaroop join her on the campaign trail during the last municipal election.

"Learning about that process was so important because now I can understand it if I ever decide to run for city council," she said.

Now 23, Ramsaroop has since completed an M.A. in sociology at York University and landed a job working with youth in the Jane and Finch area. She says her time in the Protégé program was so valuable that she's helping four other women apply this year.

"I want women to see themselves as city councillors. I want them to see themselves in these positions of power and leadership," she said.

Coun. Pam McConnell was an early champion of the Protégé program, and said the learning opportunities it provides have proven to be a two-way street.

"The program has been an enriching experience for myself, a sentiment that I know is shared by my colleagues. We have collectively had the opportunity to mentor several dozen young women since the program was launched ... and have in turn learned a great deal from them," she told Metro in a statement.

31%

Thirty one per cent of Toronto's 44 council seats are currently occupied by women.

GET INVOLVED

More information about Protégé program can be found on the city's website or by emailing youthto@toronto.ca.

Toss out dated ideas for Old City Hall

HERITAGE

Report says be ambitious with repurposing

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

City officials are being urged to think outside the box when it comes to deciding the future of Old City Hall.

A public consultation process launched Tuesday to collect feedback on potential uses for the iconic building on Queen Street. Currently home to municipal and provincial courtrooms, the 117-year-old heritage building will be vacated in 2021.

Some have mused about converting it into a museum, or maybe even a retail mall, but a new report from the Ryerson City Building Institute looks at some more ambitious ideas.

Called "A New Life for Old City Hall," the report looks at how other cities have transformed historic landmarks into innovative public amenities.

"The key here is to know that there's no one project that's going to give us all the answers," said the report's co-author Sam Carter-Shamai.

The idea of turning the downtown building into a museum isn't new, but Carter-Shamai said the place is "too big" to be occupied by only one thing.

"It should be a multi-functional place that allows people to ... benefit from it at the same time," he said.

While the report examines how cities from Montreal to Berlin have repurposed older buildings, it also looks at some local success stories, including the Design Exchange museum on Bay Street and the Royal Conservatory of Music. Carter-Shamai said those projects are examples of how to "offer a diversity of programming and still maintain that cultural environment."

Coun. Janet Davis is among those who don't want to see Old City Hall turned into a shopping mall or tourist trap.

"This is a people space," she said. "It should contain spaces that can be used for events and activities, allowing people to celebrate and enjoy the architectural blender of that building."

The building will be vacated in 2021. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

A still from a dash-cam video shows the moment this black SUV loses its tire on Highway 407. SCREENSHOT

HIGHWAY 407

Cam catches tire flying off vehicle

A Brampton woman found herself in a "terrifying" ordeal after the vehicle she was in lost its tire on Highway 407, prompting police to urge drivers to make sure their winter tires are on properly.

Barbara Zuzic was with her husband in his Ford Explorer on Saturday when a dashcam on another car caught the wheel of the black SUV flying off.

The video, posted by "Mini Cooper Dashcam" on YouTube, shows Zuzic's husband's car with its hazard lights on Highway 407, near Airport Road. Sparks begin to fly from the vehicle as the front-left tire comes off and careers across the highway, narrowly missing a city bus.

"The guy had just recently had his winter tire changed about two weeks ago at a garage, and obviously the front one came off," said Sgt. Kerry Schmidt, spokesperson for the OPP Highway Safety Division.

"We see a spike of that happening in the fall right now and in springtime when people are changing their wheels from snows to all-seasons."

Schmidt's advice to drivers is to make sure their wheels are properly installed before heading onto the highway.

"Whenever you take your wheels off — if it's for a tire change or brake job or flat tire — always go back the next day, or after you've driven a while, just to make sure all those wheel fasteners are tight," he said.

Zuzic disagrees.

"I don't think the onus should be on the driver. (The responsibility is with) the person who puts their trust in other people to do the work." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CRIME

Killer's ex pleads guilty to obstructing Bosma case

The former girlfriend of a man convicted of killing Hamilton resident Tim Bosma pleaded guilty on Tuesday to obstructing justice in the case.

Christina Noudga was set to stand trial on the charge of accessory after the fact in the murder of Bosma, who vanished on May 6, 2013 after taking two men for a test drive in the truck he was trying to sell.

Noudga's ex-boyfriend, Dellen Millard, was convicted of first-degree murder in June. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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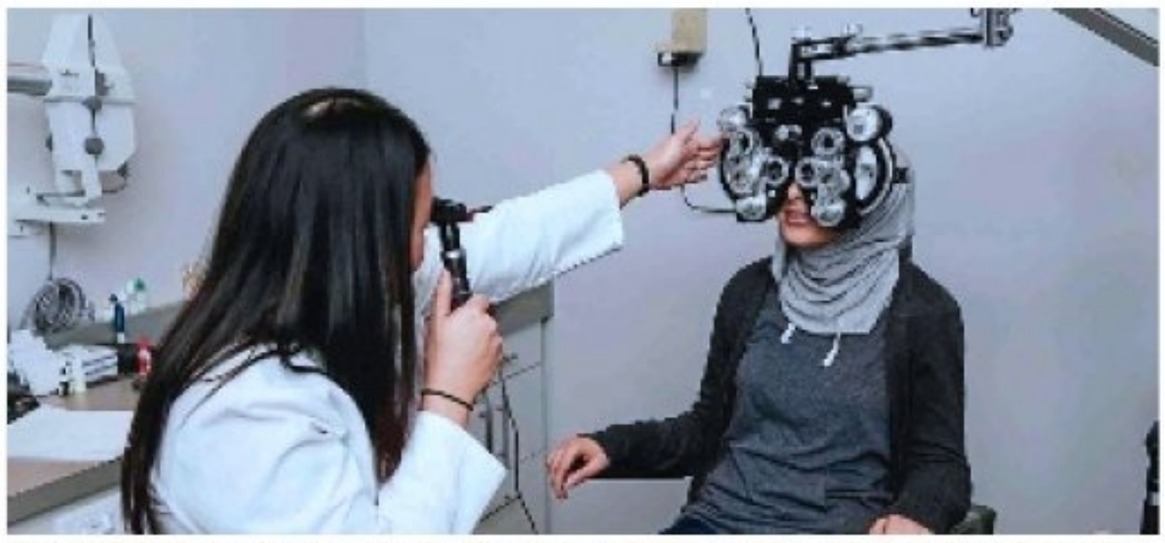


Nada Dallal, 16, gets her eyes checked by optometrist Stacey Chong during a free clinic at the Prism Eye Institute. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Eye clinic targets newcomers

When fleeing for their lives from war-torn Syria, the last thing the Dallal family worried about was getting their eyes checked.

Mohamad Dallal started wearing glasses at 5 for strabismus, or crossed eyes, and should have had surgery years ago to correct the problem. But in his family's four years as refugees in Jordan, the best the now 12-year-old boy's parents could do before being resettled in Canada in February was to take him to costly eye exams and get him some glasses.

When they learned about a free eye clinic near their new home in Brampton, they wasted no time registering Mohamad and everyone else in the family — including his two sisters and two brothers.

The family of seven, originally from Damascus, was among some 250 Syrian newcomers bused to the clinic at the Prism Eye Institute on Hurontario Street, near Highway 407, filling all its 12 medical interview and exam rooms on a recent Sunday.

"We are very happy because we get the care that we didn't have," said Mohamad's big sister, Nada, 16, after optometrist Stacey Chong examined her brother's eyes.

The free clinic — the brainchild of University of Toronto medical student Tarek Bin Yameen — is a joint effort of Mes Amis, a volunteer group that helps Syrian newcomers settle, St. Michael's Hospital and dozens of ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians and medical students from all over Greater Toronto.

On a recent Sunday, some 80 volunteers, including 45 Arabic speakers serving as translators, ran the clinic out of the Prism Eye Institute, which not only provided the equipment and venue but also staff for administrative support. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Court interpreters at risk of trauma

MENTAL HEALTH

They at times bear witness to horrific testimony

The moment court is in session, Shahla Husain becomes someone else.

"Once you start interpreting, you are not there. You are just a voice for somebody, and you always use the first person," explained the freelance court interpreter.

Everything said to, or about, her client is processed, translated (between Urdu or Punjabi, and English) and uttered from Husain's mouth, but in the first-person. Not "My client doesn't know the time," but "What time is it?"

Courtroom interpreters give voice to everything said in court — dull procedure, technicalities given by expert witnesses and, as Husain said, "things you probably wouldn't even imagine in your worst nightmares." Criminal trials can see hours, or even days of witnesses describing physical or sexual violence in horrific detail. Interpreters must bear witness to it all, and be exacting in its translation.

Husain copes by practising meditation and deep breathing. As an eight-year veteran of courtroom interpretation, she's capable of distancing herself from the horrors of hard trials most of the time.

"Everyone — or most of us — have come up with, I guess, methods of coping with things," explained Husain.

> **It kind of just stays bottled in.**
> Shahla Husain

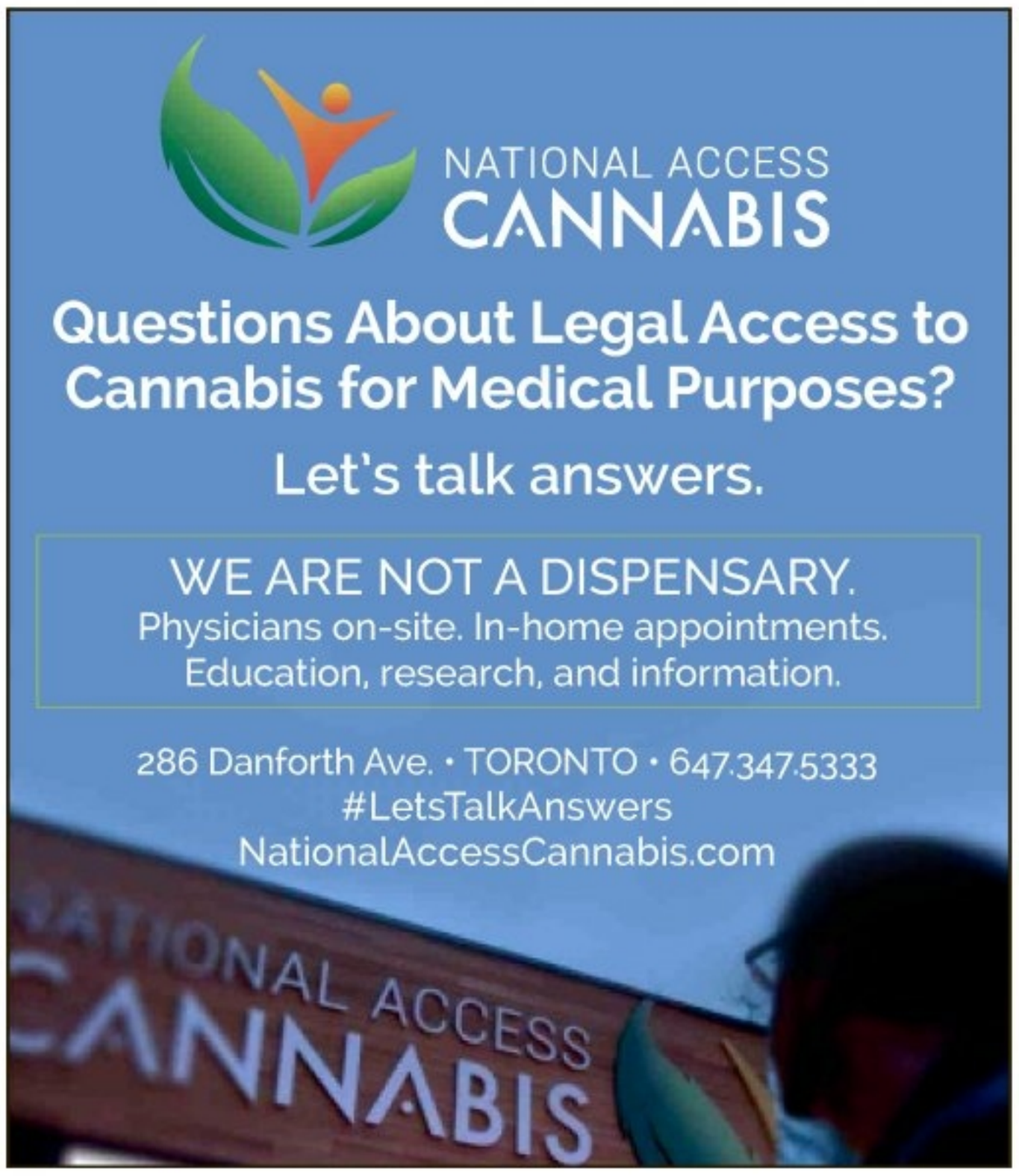
The majority of Ontario's court interpreters must resort to their own methods as well. Most don't receive access to psychological counselling funded by the Ministry of the Attorney General's office, despite bearing witnesses to sometimes-horrific testimony.

Only a few dozen court interpreters are employed by the Ontario justice system full-time. The rest, roughly 800, are independent contractors — and, according to the Attorney General's website, "do not qualify for government benefits such as health and dental coverage, insurance, or pensions."

"Because you are 'fee for service', you are basically on your own. You are technically running your own business," explained Husain.

Despite being considered independent contractors, freelance court interpreters are bound by the same code of confidentiality as full-time employees serving the court. Husain said some interpreters might benefit from a system that lets them disclose their own experiences — in strictest confidence — to someone who can really listen, and empathize.

She hopes to better organize freelance court interpreters to ensure they're well-supported. The justice system, Husain said, "would come to a grinding halt if they did not provide the services that they do." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



REPORT

eHealth needs 'to do more, faster,' says business guru

The controversial eHealth Ontario medical records agency will be revamped to help doctors and nurses deliver improved service to patients, says Health Minister Eric Hoskins.

In the wake of a new report Tuesday from Premier Kathleen Wynne's business guru that recommends changes to eHealth, Hoskins promised an enhanced customer experience — but without any privatization.

"I want to be clear: There will be no sale of people's personal health information," the minister said, promising easier access for patients and their health-care providers to electronic records.

"There cannot be and will not be utilization of it for purposes other than the medical benefit for patients in the health-care system and there will be no sale of the province's digital health assets."

His comments came after Ed Clark concluded eHealth has provided "significantly" more than $5.7 billion in value to the province since 2007, but can do better.

"I am struck by how Ontario's digital health progress is a classic glass half full/glass half empty situation," Clark wrote in a 48-page report commissioned by Hoskins.

Health Minister Eric Hoskins, left, with Premier Kathleen Wynne's business consultant Ed Clark at Queen's Park on Tuesday. ROBERT BENZIE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"By this I mean that tremendous progress has been made to date, but such progress also underlines the need to do more, faster," he continued, recommending a new "digital health secretariat" to oversee eHealth.

Clark added eHealth's mandate should be changed so it has "an explicit focus on technology service delivery and to ensure the agency is held to account for delivery" of those services.

"Specifically, eHealth Ontario should focus on core activities, completing the connecting projects, and operating and sustaining them in a way that is consistent with industry best practices," he wrote.

At Queen's Park, the former TD Bank CEO and unpaid adviser to the premier is best known as the architect of expanding beer and wine sales into supermarkets and for recommending the sell-off of up to 60 per cent of Hydro One to pay for transit and roads. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Plot 'directed at the normal'

CRIME

Man behind plan to blow up Halifax mall sentenced

Adina Bresge
For Metro | Halifax

Randall Steven Shepherd appears at Halifax Provincial Court in 2015. Shepherd was sentenced to 10 years behind bars on Tuesday after pleading guilty. METRO FILE

Two days before Randall Shepherd was arrested for his involvement in an alleged plot to kill shoppers at a Halifax mall with rifles and firebombs, he recorded a "goodbye" video reflecting on his decision not to participate in the planned massacre.

"My last f— you to the world is not stopping it," Shepherd said in the recording, according to an agreed statement of facts. "Standing back and let someone else put Halifax on the map, someone else like, be somebody."

Shepherd, 22, was sentenced to 10 years behind bars in Nova Scotia Supreme Court on Tuesday after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit murder.

Slumped over a desk in a leather jacket, Shepherd buried his head in his arms as the Crown portrayed him a disaffected loner, who resisted acts of violence, but nonetheless acted as a "cheerleader" in the mass-murder plot.

The Crown alleges that Shepherd conspired to help James Gamble and Lindsay Kantha Souvannarath carry out a detailed plan to shoot unsuspecting mall goers in the food court of the Halifax Shopping Centre on Valentine's Day in 2015.

Police foiled the plot thanks to a Crimestoppers tip, and the day before the attack was supposed to occur, arrested Shepherd while he was waiting for Souvannarath to arrive at Stanfield Airport. Gamble, 19, fatally shot himself in his Timberlea home.

Souvannarath is in jail awaiting trial.

Crown lawyer Shauna MacDonald told the court that in some ways, the harrowing plan to "put Halifax on the map," achieved its goal by stirring up unease in the community that one of their own could have such violent motives.

"This plan would have changed the face of Halifax forever," MacDonald said. "It was meant to be individuals engaging in their everyday lives — running errands, shopping, grabbing a bite to eat … The attack was directed at the normal."

MacDonald cited terrorism cases as precedent for a joint recommendation between the Crown and the defence that Shepherd receive a 10-year sentence with credit for time served.

Defence lawyer Roger Burrill characterized Shepherd's plight as "a story of extreme youth disaffection," a homeschooled, social outcast drawn into a destructive spiral by Gamble.

Burrill said Shepherd played a lesser role in the conspiracy and was not fully aware of the plan's "psychotic dimensions."

He compared Shepherd's role in the conspiracy as that of an "outer planet" in a solar system that orbited around Gamble's obsession with mass killings.

Before making a statement to the court, Shepherd turned his head to look at members of the gallery who were stifling back tears.

"I have no right to ask for anyone's forgiveness," Shepherd said. "I was a different person then."

As Justice Patrick Duncan handed down his sentence, he said there is some hope for Shepherd's future, but reserved predictions — for now.

DRUGS

Carfentanil seizure prompts warnings

Vancouver police are warning drug users to be cautious following the seizure of an opioid that is used to tranquilize elephants and believed to be 100 times more powerful than fentanyl.

Police said two samples of a drug seized in September have been confirmed by Health Canada to contain trace amounts of carfentanil.

The drug was believed to be heroin when it was confiscated from a man reported to be carrying a firearm in the city's Downtown Eastside, police said.

"It's the first time we've seen it in Vancouver in any of the seizures we've done," Sgt. Brian Montague said Tuesday.

The drug has been seen elsewhere in Canada, including Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.

Vancouver police don't know where the carfentanil came from, though fentanyl is believed to be exported from China, Montague said.

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Small municipalities won't benefit from infrastructure bank: Morneau

Finance Minister Bill Morneau is suggesting that small municipalities won't see much — if any — benefit from the federal government's proposed new infrastructure bank.

The bank, to be launched next year, is intended to attract billions in private investment for public infrastructure projects.

But Morneau told the Federation of Canadian Municipalities on Tuesday that global institutional investors will be looking to invest only in "large transformational projects" that produce a revenue stream, from which they can earn a high rate of return on their investment.

Bill Morneau CANADIAN PRESS

He says it's unlikely they'll want to sink money into roads and bridges in small communities.

In a question-and-answer session hosted by the federation, Morneau made no mention of the notion that a number of small communities with similar projects could bundle them together in order to make them more appealing for international investors.

But FCM president Clark Somerville said the federation wants to ensure that all municipalities, big or small, are able to take advantage of the bank; he says rural Liberal MPs have assured him they'll be pushing hard for the bundling concept. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump backtracks on promises

GOVERNMENT

President-elect also took stand against 'alt-right' movement

Two weeks after his election victory, President-elect Donald Trump began backing off campaign promises Tuesday, including his hard line on climate change and his vow to jail "Crooked Hillary" Clinton that had brought thunderous "Lock her up" chants at his rallies.

A top adviser said Trump is now focused on matters that are essential in setting up his administration, not on comments he made during the heat of the campaign.

After a year blasting The New York Times, Trump submitted to an interview with reporters and editors at the Times office. Among the topics covered, he:

- **Pushed back against questions about conflicts** that could arise due to a lack of separation between his government post and his many businesses, declaring that "the law's totally on my side, the president can't have a conflict of interest."
- **Took his strongest stance yet against the "alt-right,"** a term often used as code for the white supremacist movement. Though members are celebrating his victory, he said, "It's not a group I want to energize. And if they are energized, I want to look into it and find out why."
- **Spoke positively** not only of fellow Republicans in Congress — "Right now they are in love with me" — but also of President Barack Obama, who he said is "looking to do absolutely the right thing for the country in terms of transition."

Trump, who left late Tuesday to spend Thanksgiving at his estate in Florida, also continued to work to populate his incoming administration, officially asking GOP presidential rival Ben Carson to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, according to a person familiar with the offer. Carson is expected to respond after the holiday.

Adviser Kellyanne Conway said earlier on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that Trump is "thinking of many different things as he prepares to become the president of the United States, and things that sound like the campaign aren't among them."

His interview comments on a possible prosecution of his former foe Clinton stood in stark contrast to his incendiary rhetoric throughout the campaign, during which he accused her breaking laws with her email practices and angrily barked at her that "you'd be in jail" if he were president.

"I don't want to hurt the Clintons, I really don't," Trump said in the interview. Sympathetically, he said, "She went through a lot and suffered greatly in many different ways."

Though he declined to definitively rule out a prosecution, he said, "It's just not something that I feel very strongly about."

But some of his conservative supporters strongly disagreed.

Breitbart, the conservative news site whose former head, Stephen Bannon, is now a senior counsellor to Trump, headlined its story about the switch with "Broken Promise."

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THANKSGIVING IN SPACE

In this image taken from NASA video, astronaut Shane Kimbrough shows a pouch of turkey he will be preparing for his crew in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday, aboard the International Space Station. NASA VIA AP

NASA astronauts Michael Hopkins and Rick Mastracchio enjoy a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 28, 2013. FLICKER/NASA

Getting all ten members of the Endeavor and Expedition 18 missions wasn't easy as the two crews shared a Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 27, 2008. FLICKER/NASA

Astronauts cook up Thanksgiving meal

Turkey and football will be the main Thanksgiving headliners up on the International Space Station.

NASA astronaut Shane Kimbrough, the station's commander, is serving as Thanksgiving chef for the six-person crew. He showed off the specialties he'll be preparing in a video this week.

"It's going to be a little bit different for us up here in space," he said, "but I'm going to try to make it as much like home as we can."

On Thursday — a regular workday for the crew — Kimbrough will warm up pouches of sliced turkey, candied yams, and cherry and blueberry cobbler. He'll also add water to the bags of dehydrated cornbread dressing, green beans and mushrooms and mashed potatoes.

"You can't have a Thanksgiving meal without green beans," he noted.

Mission Control promises to beam up some live football games — "to complete the experience," Kimbrough said.

> **"I'm going to try to make it as much like home as we can."**
> Shane Kimbrough

It will be the second Thanksgiving in space for Kimbrough, who's one month into a four-month mission, and the third for American Peggy Whitson, who arrived at the orbiting lab Saturday for a six-month stay. One Frenchman and three Russians round off the crew.

Kimbrough said he and the others will share what they're thankful for this Thanksgiving. No 1 on the list, he said, is being safe in space.

NASA, meanwhile, is sharing its recipe for "out of this world" cornbread dressing. It's straight from Johnson Space Center's food lab, "no freeze drying required."

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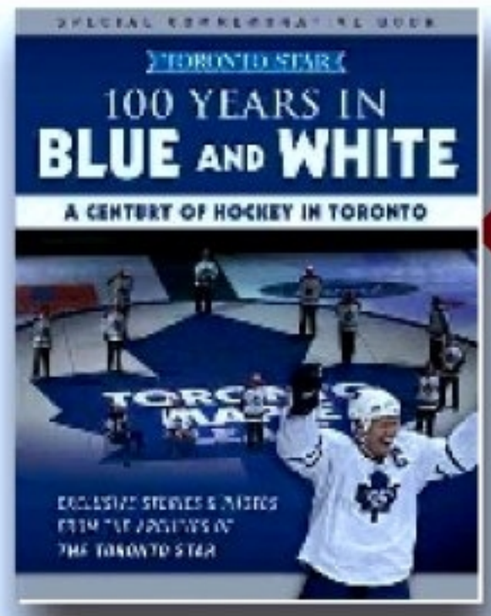

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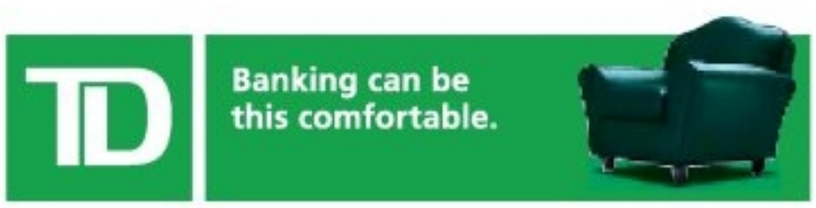

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Trans-Pacific deal needs U.S. to survive

TRADE

Canadian minister says 12-nation pact in jeopardy

The Trans-Pacific Partnership can't go ahead without the United States, Canada's trade minister said Tuesday in the wake of Donald Trump's renewed vow to pull his country out of the controversial 12-country pact.

International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland said it's long been no secret that the Pacific Rim deal would hinge on the participation of the U.S., a factor that boils down to simple arithmetic.

The TPP, as it is known, can only come into force if ratified by six of the 12 member countries representing 85 per cent of their combined GDP, Freeland said Tuesday.

Minister of International Trade Chrystia Freeland speaks to reporters during the APEC Summit in Lima, Peru. The TPP can't go ahead without the United States. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"What that means, in practice, is the TPP agreement as currently structured and finalized can only come into force if it's ratified by the United States — but that's not new," Freeland said.

In a YouTube video released Monday, Trump said he will issue a notification of intent to withdraw from the agreement on his first day in power, a move many believe would kill the deal outright.

A Canadian government official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the issue, said no decision on pulling out of the TPP becomes final until February 2018.

When the participating countries signed the agreement last February in New Zealand, that two-year time frame was built into the process to take into account the domestic political situations in all 12 countries, the official said.

The TPP is intended to open up trade among the 12 countries that encompass nearly 40 per cent of the world's GDP, including Canada.

During question period Tuesday, Conservative trade critic Gerry Ritz urged Canada to follow some of its other TPP partners — notably Japan, New Zealand, Mexico and Australia — and ratify the deal without the U.S. THE CANADIAN PRESS

BLACK FRIDAY

Using technology to help you snag a deal

With Canadian retailers trying to keep people shopping on this side of the border on Black Friday, the best deal might come from your computer, tablet or phone screen.

Even if you're out and about, there are plenty of ways to use technology to make sure you are actually getting a deal.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Most of the big retailers already have their flyers out, and plenty of sites are compiling them. Flipp is an app that collects all your local flyers and lets you search them. Redflagdeals.com also has a Black Friday section where deal hunters share their tips.

COMPARISON SHOP

Know the regular price of what you are looking for. Bar code scanner apps, like Shopsavvy, should be your go-to tool as well as price comparison sites, including Google Shopping.

START EARLY

Some sales have already begun, like at Best Buy. For the most part, in-person and online, the early bird gets the deal. Online offerings tend to start at the stroke of midnight, and some e-tailers let you add to your cart beforehand.

CHECK YOUR INFORMATION

If you are using an online retailer like Amazon.ca, take some time and sign up or confirm that the online service has your preferred credit card and shipping address. If something scarce goes on sale, the time it takes to set all that up matters. Also, check out cash back sites like Ebates.com.

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

Double-check what the currency is quoted in as you look for deals in Canada and in the U.S. Also, a lot of older stock is used as door crashers, so check to see if the product is refurbished.

WATCH THE SHIPPING

If you are buying from the U.S. or elsewhere, always double-check the shipping options, and if it might get hit by additional duty fees. Keep an eye out for changes: recently Walmart and Amazon raised their free shipping thresholds.

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JESSICA ALLEN ON A GORILLA-MARTYR'S LEGACY

It's been six months since Harambe's death at the Cincinnati Zoo, and the smartest, most meaningful response to date has been a single joke by Dave Chappelle

It's been six months since Harambe, a 17-year-old 450 lb. male gorilla, was shot dead by Cincinnati Zoo officials after a three-year-old boy fell 10 feet into the primate's enclosure.

Although the social media outrage subsided quickly — it always does — Harambe still lives as meta-punchline: A Facebook blog with nearly 900,000 followers; viral songs and videos; and, of course, memes — some humourous, and some so offensive that they are banned from university campuses.

Comedian Dave Chapelle mentioned him in his recent Saturday Night Live monologue: "The Cincinnati police said, 'Shooting a gorilla was the toughest decision this department has ever had to make'… You're about to see a lot of n—s in gorilla costumes in Cincinnati."

Chapelle's joke was a much smarter response to the gorilla's death than all the petitions — some calling for the toddler's mother to be fined for negligence; others for Harambe's "murderer" to be charged with animal cruelty — and more meaningful than the countless candlelight vigils held from Laurier to Leeds.

I went to one of the vigils, on a late Thursday evening in September, at Ryerson University in Toronto. Students gathered at Lake Devo, a small park made mostly of concrete. Their purpose, according to the event's Facebook page: "to commemorate the passing of our beloved Harambe, who taught us nothing but kindness." It was "BYOC": "Bring Your Own Candles."

'We got Harambe merch here,' an organizer noted. Black T-Shirts with a white image of Harambe in the style of Che Guevara were $20.

Hundreds did, placing them around a framed photo of Harambe set up in front of a 15-foot boulder.

The Lord's Prayer was broadcast to the growing crowd through a sound system consisting of two speakers, a laptop and a microphone.

FACES OF GRIEF Students gather at a vigil for Harambe the gorilla at Toronto's Ryerson University in Toronto in September.
JESSICA ALLEN/FOR METRO

The crowd began to chant "D–ks out!" A student approached the mic: "Are there people out there who think Harambe was just a gorilla?" he asked. "No!" the crowd responded.

"We got Harambe merch here," an organizer noted. Black T-Shirts with a white image of Harambe in the style of Che Guevara were $20. "They look really nice," a woman said, holding one up to herself. Harambe pins were $1.

"Lake Devo should be Lake Harambe from now on," a young man yelled into the mic. Cheers from the crowd.

"I miss you, Harambe," another said. "I wish they took that mother's life instead." The crowd gasped, then laughed.

A poster of Harambe was taped to the boulder as more candles were set around the glowing effigy of the deceased.

Guns and Roses' "Welcome to the Jungle" played. "What a touching song," someone noted. It was followed by Sarah McLachlan's "I Will Remember You," Whitney Houston's "I Will Always Love You," and a cover of "In the Arms of An Angel." In between songs, the "d–ks out" chant returned.

"Someone is smoking weed," a woman said to her friend. "Maybe they're smoking Harambe's ashes."

In a quiet moment, someone shouted, "F–k that kid," which was repeated by the crowd.

"More like f–k that kid's parents."

"F–k the mom."

"Shoot the kid."

Laughter shifted to quiet discomfort.

Until a student climbed the boulder and banged his chest at the top. The crowd applauded and then insisted he "whip it out."

"I don't know if Harambe supports peer pressure," an organizer said on the mic, "so can we just come together for this next song?"

Which was Black Eyed Peas' "Where is the Love?"

People pretending to cry posed together for selfies. A student wearing a cardboard sign that read "Harambe is love. Harambe is Love. May his light shine on us all" weaved through the crowd, which looked to be about 150 strong.

Sam Smith's "Stay with Me" played, followed by Michael Jackson's "You Belong To Me."

"Someone curated the playlist really well," a woman noted.

"What started off as a joke …" an organizer began before the crowd interrupted with boos. "It's not! Let me finish! Beyond border, beyond religion, we are one and we are here for Harambe."

"We are going to celebrate," his colleague said. "Whip that s–t out for Harambe!"

"F—ing rest in peace," a votive offerer said, just as Gary Jules' "Mad World" began.

Friends held each other and swayed back and forth to the lyrics. They gathered shoulder to shoulder around hundreds of candles melting around the shrine-like effigy. There were offerings of bananas. And one dildo.

Young faces were illuminated by candlelight and cellphones, brands used by those who tweeted death threats at a mother who looked away, a brand I will use to tweet out a link to this column.

They're all made of coltan, a mineral found in the forests of Africa's Democratic Republic of Congo and whose mining over the last two decades has dramatically reduced gorilla habitat, causing more deaths among animals with whom we share 98 per cent of our genetic code than the Cincinnati Zoo ever could.

A woman lit her tea light using her friend's cigarette.

"I hate myself," she said.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

The movie watcher's guide to facing the actual apocalypse

As we await the launch of both the Trump presidency and the attendant nuclear warheads, there may be some lessons to take from the disaster movies of the late '90s.

In this time of uncertainty, these movies demand to know: Are you a hero, a survivor or an early casualty?

If you're a hero type, you'll be drawn to the Armageddon model: Bruce Willis and bunch of professional oil drillers learn to be astronauts so they can dig a giant hole into the asteroid that will end the world. While the movie can be read as an indictment of NASA's emergency preparedness, it's also a handy means of deciding how serious you really are about this whole saving-the-world lark. How many G forces can you tolerate for the sake of all mankind? Are you willing to go to space with all your co-workers?

Survivors will want to follow Tommy Lee Jones' example in Volcano. Survivors just do their job.

Jones' character, an emergency planner, goes into work on the first day of his vacation only for a volcano to surface from under the city of Los Angeles. Determined not to lose more vacation time, he dispatches the volcano in just two days.

His daughter is not a survivor; she screams, "Dad! The lava!" while lava moves towards her. Were it not for her father's determination not to lose more vacation days, she would not have made it past the first half of the movie.

Which brings us to the early-casualty type. For some reason, women in these movies are into dying quickly and needing to be saved from themselves. Perhaps it's the patriarchy or bad writing or both.

I point you to Twister's Helen Hunt. Her character is leading a scientific study of tornadoes to create early-warning systems. While she doesn't die in the film, it's not for lack of trying. Her approach seems to consist of walking and driving directly into the storms until she's rescued by Bill Paxton — not a known scientific method.

It's left to you, the viewer, to decide whether, given some advance notice of the end of the world, you'd be all right with simply walking into the abyss.

I have reluctantly decided that I'm a survivor. I watched all of these movies with my siblings and warned them that, if lava was coming in their direction, I would not be saving them. That's hero work.

As much as there is to be learned from them — i.e., squint hard enough and you can tell whether a tornado is turning — they have a calming effect. The events of the last two weeks have left me feeling off-kilter and overwhelmed, but even with all terrible things happening, now, unlike NASA, I feel prepared.

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DISNEY MOVIE

History of Polynesians not taught in many schools

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We set a course to find
A brand new island everywhere we roam
Aue, aue
We keep our island in our mind
And when it's time to find home
We know the way

These words, from We Know the Way, a soaring number in the new Disney musical Moana, describe a real-life society more magical than the usual enchanted forests and talking teapots.

Moana takes place in the ancient Pacific Islands, a still-surviving Polynesian civilization with a tradition of high seafaring.

Yet their achievements are not well known in North America, nor taught in many schools, said Patrick Kirch, director of the Oceanic Archaeology Laboratory at the UC Berkley.

Polynesians are descendants of Austronesians, a group of agricultural peoples who fanned out from near modern-day New Guinea starting five or six thousand years ago. (At least, researchers think so. It's still a matter of debate).

Travelling in outrigger canoes — like a North American canoe, but less tippy and faster, thanks to stabilizing beams and, later, sails — the Polynesians landed in Tonga and Samoa, 5,000 kilometres from their starting place, by about 900 BC.

Around AD 900 came their second great age of exploration. They sailed thousands of kilometres of open ocean to islands where humans hadn't yet tread, from Hawaii in the north to New Zealand in the west and Easter Island in the southeast.

It was all because of somebody's idea to stick two canoes together and connect them with a deck, creating a proto-catamaran that could carry enough food, including live pigs, dogs and chickens, to sustain 50 to 60 people for months.

"They really opened up the whole Pacific world," Kirch said. "Europeans didn't venture very far until the late 1400s. This is 500 years before that."

The wooden boats were sewn together with coconut fibre rope. The people didn't have nails or even the wheel. And yet they found their way. As the song says, they kept their island in their mind.

"They didn't have sextants or even maps," Kirch said. "They had memorized, incredibly, star rising and setting positions."

Though the film takes some liberties (it depicts double-hulled canoes existing 3,000 years ago when it was more like 1,000), quite a bit is drawn from real Polynesian history and folklore.

Maui (pictured right), voiced by Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson, a demi-god who pulls islands from the sea, lassoes the sun and controls the tides, is a legend in the whole region. The teenage heroine Moana, a chief's daughter whose name means "ocean," is Disney's invention.

In the movie, the resources of Moana's island home are nearly depleted after centuries of human habitation, and, finding herself overwhelmed with wanderlust, she sets sail to discover someplace new.

That's realistic enough — though in a strict patriarchal society, it would never have been a girl who saved the day, Kirch said.

"There are push factors; on smaller islands populations built up, there was competition and warfare. But there was also a kind of a pull. These people had a conception that there were always more islands out there. They had stories and traditions about it.

"It was much like medieval European society. The older son inherits the land and the title. So if you're a junior sibling and you go out and find a new island, you become the chief.

"There's a certain drive: 'Let's take this big canoe. You know grandpa found this island. Maybe there's another one out there.'"

The Hōkūle'a, a historically accurate replica of an ancient double-hulled Polynesian canoe, has been sailed around the South Pacific and the whole world since the 1970s (above); the canoe is depicted in the new Disney musical Moana (below). PHIL UHL/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS; CONTRIBUTED

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Is The Fall good or fake good?

THE SHOW: The Fall, Season 3, Episode 2
THE MOMENT: The hospital visit

At the end of Season 2, Paul Spector (Jamie Dornan) confessed to being the Belfast Strangler, who murdered many women. Then he got shot. Now he's in hospital recovering, while Stella Gibson (Gillian Anderson), the lead detective who hunted him down, hovers nearby.

A doctor asks Spector what year it is. He answers, "2006." (It's really 2012.) The doc dismisses that as normal disorientation. A scene later, Spector's daughter Olivia (Sarah Beattie) visits him. He seems bewildered to see her. "Why are you so big?" he asks.

Oh no. Amnesia??? You may argue that I should wait and see; perhaps he's only pretending. He's a criminal mastermind, after all. To that I reply, oh no. Fake amnesia???

This series has always confused me. The scripts' many lines of allegedly feminist dialogue are so on the nose they're almost risible. ("We've chosen to work in a masculine, patriarchal, paramilitary culture," Gibson purrs to a fellow female cop. "Let's not let it beat us.")

Even worse, that feminist talk is set off by far more numerous, lovingly-shot images of Spector's misogynistic thrill kills.

And now (sigh) amnesia??? Could this series' attractive surface be fooling us? Could it be ... fake good?

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Sodium 1490mg

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent in fat to more than 10 medium slices of ham and pineapple pizza from Domino's.

The appetizers we eat before our entrées can have more calories, fat and sodium than we should be consuming in an entire day! When we hear the word "spinach," we think green and healthy, but the creaminess comes from the fatty mayonnaise and cheese. There is spinach, but it's not that evident. While the Chili Popcorn Shrimp are still fried and served with buttered popcorn and avocado aioli, it ends up being a much lighter pick.

FOOD BRIEFS

Kids who drink whole-fat milk leaner, study finds

Young children who drink whole cow's milk tend to be leaner and have higher vitamin D levels than those who consume low-fat or skim milk, researchers say.

In a study of more than 2,700 children aged one to six, Toronto researchers found that those who drank whole milk had a body mass index score almost a full unit lower than kids who drank one per cent or two per cent milk.

That's comparable to the difference between having a healthy weight and being overweight, said Dr. Jonathon Maguire, a pediatrician at St. Michael's Hospital who led the study.

Kids who consumed whole-fat milk were roughly three times less likely to be overweight and two times less likely to have a vitamin D deficiency compared with children given one per cent milk, he said.

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LIQUID ASSETS PETER ROCKWELL

Finding the perfect all-purpose people pleaser

With the holidays fast approaching, I'm betting many of you will be searching for the ultimate Goldilocks wine: one that's not too light or too heavy, too sweet or too dry. In other words, a wine that is just right.

On the white side a glass of German-made Riesling is my pick for the perfect all-purpose people pleaser. Typically soft with a hint of residual sugar, they mix and mingle with a broad range of cuisine, while offering a flavour profile that's incomparably drinkable.

When it comes to reds I always recommend a bottle from Valpolicella, a winemaking zone in the northeastern region of Veneto in Italy. Made primarily for Corvina, a grape native to the area, classic Valpolicella is smooth and juicy with a sublime balance of tannin and acid.

With its flowing flavour trail of bright cherry fruit, Bolla's 2015 Valpolicella Classico ($13.95-$16.99) is the quintessential version that's perfect as a cocktail wine or as a companion to a complex meal.

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Pear-fectly Canadian winter fruit

PRODUCE

Roly-poly pear produced to be a wintertime favourite

This year the Cold Snap is available in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia, but in a couple of years, the current plantings will reach full maturity and supply will extend across Canada. Inset: Hazelnut Pear Cake, recipe below. CONTRIBUTED/VINELAND GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE

Late fall usually is a sad time for local pear lovers as first Bartlett, then Bosc disappear from supermarket shelves, to be replaced by imports.

But until the end of January Canadian growers are proudly packing a new late-season variety in bright blue bags.

Here's to Cold Snap, the sweet, juicy pear with the pretty pink blush that aims to become winter's favourite fruit.

"It will probably take a couple of years to become a household name like Honeycrisp," says Matthew Ecker, sales and business development manager at Vineland Growers Co-operative in Jordan Station, Ont., which grows and markets the fruit.

This squat, roly-poly pear, the first bred in Canada, was released in 1972 under the name AC Harovin Sundown. As the first of 75,000 trees in Ontario and Nova Scotia came of age last year, growers searched for a catchier name. Cold Snap was born, with its own website, coldsnappear.ca.

As part of the branding process, Consumer Insights Research program leader Amy Bowen conducted pear focus groups at Niagara's Vineland Research and Innovation Centre.

Consumers are particularly annoyed with pears that are rock-hard one day and mushy the next, Bowen says, a problem Cold Snap doesn't have. She says participants also loved the pear's made-in-Canada story.

Cold Snap is grown using new techniques that produce lots of skinny Charlie Brown-like trees loaded with pears on far less land than the old sprawling trees.

A few general rules for pear storage:

Buy & Store

Look for 2-pound (1 kg) bags or clamshells of Cold Snaps in retail stores until late January.

If you like firm pears, refrigerate immediately. Or leave on the counter for two to three days to soften slightly.

Bright yellow skin indicates optimal flavour. Unlike its Bartlett cousin, Cold Snap remains firm even when ripe.

Don't store near aromatic foods such as onions.

Prep

Handle fibre-rich pears with care to avoid bruising.

Rinse under cool running water and serve. Peel and core just before using.

Cold Snap is pear-fect for poaching, roasting or baking.

Serve

Try a pear-cranberry crisp or a pear-parsnip soup.

Think preserves, dumplings and sorbet.

Slice and serve raw with a plate of creamy cheeses or toss in a salad, leaving on the pretty yellow skin.

Hazelnut Pear Cake

Makes 10 servings.

Ingredients:

- 4-1/2 cups (1.125 L) water
- 2-3/4 cups (675 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) lemon zest
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) fresh lemon juice
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 mL) vanilla
- 5 small pears, peeled, cored and halved
- 2 cups (500 mL) ground hazelnuts
- 6 large eggs, separated
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) cream of tartar
- Garnish: icing sugar

Directions:

1. In large saucepan, combine water, 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) of the sugar, lemon zest, lemon juice and 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla. Stir over medium-high heat until sugar dissolves. Add pears; bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until pears are just tender, turning occasionally, about 10 minutes. Let cool in syrup. (Prepare up to 1 day ahead, cover and refrigerate.)

2. Drain pears well, reserving syrup for another use. In medium bowl combine hazelnuts, 1 cup (250 mL) of the remaining sugar and cornstarch; set aside.

3. Grease and flour (regular or gluten free) a 10-inch (3 L) springform pan. Set aside.

4. In large bowl, beat egg yolks until frothy. Stir in remaining 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla and hazelnut mixture until well combined; set aside.

5. With clean beaters, beat egg whites until frothy. Add cream of tartar and beat to soft peaks. Beat in remaining 1/4 cup (50 mL) sugar until peaks are stiff. Stir one-third of whites into egg yolk mixture and combine well. Gently fold in remaining whites. Pour into prepared pan.

6. Place one pear half, cut-side down, in the centre of batter and arrange remaining halves in a circle around it, stem toward centre, leaving a 1-inch (2.5 cm) border. Bake in 350°F (180°C) oven 1 hour and 15 minutes or until golden brown and cake part no longer looks wet. Cool on rack for 15 minutes. Run sharp knife around edge of pan. Remove side and use a metal spatula to remove bottom; cool cake completely on rack. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Prepping for your MBA entrance interview

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Pantsuit ironed and head held high, you walk confidently into your MBA entrance interview only to trip over the recruiter's foot and fall flat against the floor. Relax — this time around was only a dream, but something has told you it's time to start setting the scene for this upcoming event. So what exactly should you consider when getting set for your face-to-face?

"As with any interview, the student should prepare," says Cynthia Bishop, manager of student experience at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business. "They should be researching the school and the program and should have a clear understanding of their application."

An application, says Bishop, that doesn't necessarily have to feature coveted positions at illustrious corporations.

"They could speak to summer jobs and volunteer work," says Bishop. "Often we look at the undergrad period. Did they organize clubs or competitive sports? We're probing to see that they demonstrating the potential for future leadership."

And when it's time to look up from the resumé and face the recruiter, Bishop suggests prospective MBA student present themselves in a way that is reflective of their past experiences and where they want to go moving forward.

"We're not testing them for such things as their English capabilities," says Bishop. "It's an overall assessment of whether they're presenting professionally with a sense of maturity that comes through in their answers."

THE CANDIDATES THAT BLOW IT OUT OF THE WATER KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND KNOW WHERE THEY WANT TO GO
– Cynthia Bishop, manager of student experience at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business

And while Sandra Betton, MBA director at Concordia's John Molson School of Business, reminds that students should remember to bring along such tangible items as their statement of purpose and reference letters, there are a couple of things they should always check at the interview door.

"Two things a student should avoid are arrogance and not listening to the questions," says Betton. "Our students genuinely care about and support each other. An arrogant individual who is just out for themselves is not a good fit for the program and probably wouldn't enjoy the experience"

"Not listening to the question is often a result of being nervous and we realize that," says Betton. "However, an answer that is completely off topic is a problem."

Betton adds that it's critical for interviewees to remember that the process is an opportunity to fill in the colour and texture that is often missing from rather clinical transcripts and CVs.

"Don't treat the interview as a meeting," says DeGroote's Bishop. "It is truly is an interview. We conduct it the same way a corporate partner would conduct a job interview — we approach it in the same way."

"The candidates that blow it out of the water know who they are and know where they want to go."

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With a diverse professional background that includes a stint as an aviation security and compliance manager as well as a marketing degree, Nozinhle Kasaval wanted to polish her careers skills after moving to Canada. When she heard about the Business Edge for internationally educated professionals program offered at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, Kasaval decided it was exactly what she needed.

"There are unwritten rules in every culture, especially in the working environment and, if your soft skills aren't refined, it's easy to miss all the important warning signs when it comes to work etiquette or culture," she says. "The Business Edge program made it easy for me to navigate through the work culture maze without feeling like I needed to change who I am."

A six-month offering, Business Edge gives internationally educated professionals a thorough understanding of Canadian workplace culture and soft skills through themes such as advanced communication, leadership skills and career management. It is facilitated on evenings and weekends, allowing students to continue working while attending the program.

"My favorite part of the program was a portion about emotional intelligence," says Kasaval, who is originally from Durban, South Africa. "There is huge value in understanding emotional intelligence if you want to be an effective leader. I don't think there are enough conversations in secondary school or in university about this topic. It's stuff that we sort of pick up along the way, wing it, cross our fingers and hope for the best."

Nozinhle Kasaval
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Kasaval completed the program in March and credits the Business Edge curriculum, its delivery (classroom sessions, one-on-one coaching and customized e-learning) and professors with helping her to get a promotion from program coordinator to program manager at Felix Global Corp., a management consulting firm.

"The program has an outstanding calibre of staff, professors and facilitators. They are all passionate about the program, us as students and our success. I haven't seen so much dedication in a long time," she says. "I was promoted a month after graduating from the program. My promotion is a clear sign that applying the knowledge from the program works."

Co-op program redesigned

As an occupational therapist who worked in a medical unit, Elizabeth Van Dyck was used to a pair of scrubs and hands-on patient care. This October, she found herself walking through Toronto's financial district, dressed in formal business attire, on her way to a job interview at a health care consulting firm that would replace direct patient contact with a more hands-off business role. It was her first encounter with the corporate world through the co-op MBA program at McMaster University's DeGroote School of Business. And while the experience was new, Van Dyck says she felt prepared thanks to the program's realistic structure and delivery.

"New and unknown situations can be daunting, and it is not until you are in the situation that you realize what you know and what are areas for growth," says Van Dyck. "But that is the strength of the design of the co-op program — you have the opportunity to develop professionally in a very supportive environment."

Van Dyck is part of the first group of MBA students to experience DeGroote's redesigned co-op program, which has been offered since 1973 as the first undertaking of its sort in Canada.

While previously, students completed a series of courses that covered the functional areas of business, this fall the program switched to a format consisting of four weeks of foundation courses that teach the full spectrum of business topics followed by nine weeks of core learning based on an interdisciplinary approach that combines areas such as finance and accounting into one course taught by two instructors. Also included are three co-op terms over a 28-month period, as the program is designed specifically for students who have zero to three years of work experience and often come from non-business backgrounds.

"From a millennial perspective, it is very fast moving but that is reflective of the real world so we essentially embedded elements of a corporate environment into the program while giving students an overall perspective of business, a wide range of professional skills and a lot of experiential learning through things like case competitions," says Cynthia Bishop, manager of student experience, career and professional development, which works with students and advocates on their behalf to ensure career success. "Another part of that is the program has a cohort structure so students all start their day at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 4:30 p.m., just like office hours."

Van Dyck agrees that the program, which also gives students the option to choose a specialty stream, is fast paced and comes with its own set of challenges. But, she says, it is exciting to be studying at an institution that has the courage to rethink its pedagogy to challenge the current status quo.

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"The new program design is innovative and staff at DeGroote are passionate about hearing our feedback and collaborating with students to continue to improve the student experience," she says.

Collaboration is a theme that runs throughout the program, including when it comes to the all-important co-op placements. While some students have a clear goal in mind — like Van Dyck, who went into her MBA knowing she wanted to bridge her experience on the clinical side of health care with business management — others aren't as sure where they want to end up. Bishop says both scenarios are common and her team is dedicated to ensuring all students' co-op placements are customized for maximum benefit.

Thanks to its established history, DeGroote has a strong network of employer partners who, says Bishop, are often eager to hire interns and co-op students from the school. On average, over the last five years, 84 per cent of co-op graduates were employed six months after completing the program.

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REVIEW

CX-9 an easy car to spend time in

Jonathan Yarkony
AutoGuide.com

While every passing week we've spent with the CX-9 proves that it is a driver's car through and through, some days, you just want your car to deliver you to the office with the least amount of stress possible.

Although Mazda isn't anywhere close to Tesla AutoPilot or Mercedes Intelligent Drive in terms of autonomous driving, there are a handful of systems that provide a security blanket, while others take a little bit of the workload off the driver.

The most prominent driving convenience feature of the CX-9 has to be adaptive cruise control, which allows you to set a chosen top speed, and the vehicle maintains that speed but also slows down when approaching slower traffic.

At highway speeds, the CX-9 does so seamlessly, calmly keeping your designated speed and a gap that you can set on the steering wheel controls, both of which are displayed in the head-up display unit along with current speed. In most cases, the CX-9 slows gradually when approaching slower traffic, though not early enough when approaching stand stills or crawling traffic jams.

My main complaint is that Mazda's adaptive cruise cuts out below 24 km/h, unlike some (like the Honda Civic!) that can bring you all the way down to a crawl, and even handle brief full stops during stop-and-go traffic.

Thankfully, the CX-9 also has forward collision alert (Distance Recognition Support System or DRSS and Forward Obstruction Warning in Mazda-speak), which broadcasts a sharp beep when coming up too fast on vehicles ahead. While we rarely needed this, it did on a couple occasions get my full attention when I may have been daydreaming or staring too hard at a Z06.

Meanwhile, there is no shortage of technology inside the car to keep you entertained and informed, accessible via the Mazda Connect interface. We really loved this system at first glance and when we first encountered it in previous models. It has a large, clear, highly visible screen atop the dash close to one's driving sightlines, and the graphics are modern and appealing. While it is a touchscreen, it can only be controlled by touch when the vehicle is stationary, and some functions, like rearranging your audio favourites, are also only available when parked.

While this descends into seriously spoiled-auto-reviewer territory, Mazda could use an update to its satellite radio functions, which does not offer rewind or record functions as seen on Kias and other brands. Otherwise the settings, audio and phone controls are mostly logical, although the icons for functions at the bottom of the screen take a bit of getting used to.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA CX-9

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5L turbo four-cylinder
Transmission: Six-speed automatic
Power: 227/250 hp, 310 lb-ft of torque
Curb Weight: 1,950 kilograms
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 11.2 city, 8.8 hwy
Price: Starts at $37,195; $51,995 as tested (freight included)

LOVE IT

- Mazda Connect
- Forward collision alert

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- Unclear buttons on steering wheel
- Adaptive cruise cuts out at under 24 km/h
- Satellite radio functions could use an update.

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Reserve wins the day for big cat

TESLA P100D

Ludicrous Mode gets even faster

Tesla is making its existing cars even faster and it won't cost current owners a dime. After hinting that the P100D models are getting faster, Tesla CEO Elon Musk has confirmed the Model S P100D Easter egg will allow it to go zero-to-97 kilometres an hour in 2.4 seconds, which is 0.1 seconds faster than it currently is.

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VANQUISH S

Aston Martin coupe gets an upgrade

Aston Martin has taken its Super GT to a new level with the introduction of the Vanquish S. Along with slightly more performance, the Vanquish S also benefits from a "revised, freer-breathing intake system" that has larger volume inlet manifolds to bring in a greater volume of air to the engine at high revs.

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F-PACE

Jaguar credits reservation program for success

Jaguar has seen a huge uptick in sales this year and one of the main reasons for the extra cats on the road is the F-Pace crossover. Total sales of the F-Pace this year come in at over 6,000 units thus far, making it the best-selling Jaguar model in the lineup. While it should come as no surprise that the pretty luxury crossover is getting a lot of attention, the automaker credits its reservation program as a huge part of being able to gauge the success. In the US, the automaker allowed customers to reserve an F-Pace or XE online and put down a refundable deposit while still being able to receive incentives, including free navigation and a discount off the first monthly payment.

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New 911 unveiled in Los Angeles

Porsche has unleashed its all-new race car at the 2016 L.A. Auto Show. The newly developed GT racer takes advantage of the breadth of the Le Mans 24 Hours GT regulations, said Porsche. Along with the 911 RSR's systematic lightweight design, the German automaker has placed the flat-six engine in front of the rear axle, making it mid-engined. It's a 4.0-litre power plant that promises to deliver around 510 horsepower, depending on the size of the restrictor. For the first time, a Porsche GT race car has state-of-the-art assistance systems, and the 911 RSR is equipped with a radar-supported collision warning system.

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IN BRIEF

Colorado, Silverado pickup trucks heading to China

Chevrolet plans to make full and mid-size American trucks available to Chinese consumers through parallel import in 2017.

As parallel imports the trucks will be purchased by Chinese dealers, directly from GM North America, bypassing official import channels. This will allow the trucks to retail for at least 10 to 20 per cent cheaper than if officially imported by SAIC-GM. The Silverado will only pack its EcoTec 6.2-liter V8 and eight-speed gearbox for the trip across the Pacific.

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Tips for making the winter-tire switch

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Doing your own change is inexpensive and rewarding

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No matter how good of a driver you think you are, winter tires are a necessity for anyone driving in a colder climate. ISTOCK

Here's a cold, hard, and undeniable fact about winter tires: If temperatures stay below about 7C over the winter where you live, you need them.

Yes, even your four-wheel drive truck or SUV should be fitted with four winter-rated tires. It's called four-wheel drive, not four-wheel stop, and sending power to more wheels isn't going to slow you down any quicker.

And before you start reminding yourself of just how good of a driver you are, know that it matters little when so many variables come into play out on the road, the least impactful of which is snow. Remember, they're winter tires, not snow tires. Even on dry pavement, winter tires provide better traction through a softer rubber compound that has a lower freezing point.

For those that do use winter tires, I salute you. But lugging your tires to the local shop for your bi-annual change can be tough on the back, not to mention the pocketbook, and swapping them yourself can be a rewarding and inexpensive task.

With winter just around the corner, here are five helpful tips to keep in mind when changing your tires.

Be safe and smart

Whether you're changing your tires in your driveway or you have access to a garage with a lift, it's important to do so with safety in mind and the right tools at hand. If you're changing your tires at home, it's important to use a floor jack rated for the weight of your vehicle, jack stands to support its weight, and wheel chocks to keep it from rolling. It's best to do the job one end at a time, starting with the front or rear. Use the proper size socket on the lug nuts, and a torque wrench to apply the proper amount of torque when putting the wheels on.

Loosening and tightening the lug nuts is a two-step process. When removing the wheels, the lug nuts should be loosened, though not removed, when the vehicle is on ground using a breaker bar. Likewise, the lug nuts should be torqued with the wheels firmly on the ground.

Check the condition

This goes for both the set that's going on and the one that's coming off.

While running a separate set of tires for the winter months will prolong the lives of both sets of tires, wear still happens. Normal wear sees tread depleted at the same rate, relatively speaking, across the tire, while uneven wear can affect one side or the other and could be a sign of suspension issues.

It's also important to ensure no wheel weights have fallen off, and that the wheels' mounting surfaces are clean in order for them to sit flush with the hubs.

Label the tires coming off

When swapping your tires, don't forget to label them individually as they come off the car. A piece of masking tape with a simple "left front" or "right rear" will suffice. When it comes time to put them back on, you'll know where they go. It's also important to rotate the tires wisely.

Directional tires can only be switched from front to back on the side they belong, whereas symmetrical tires can be switched side to side.

Perform a visual inspection

Check components like brake lines, bushings and struts for fraying, cracking or leaking.

STORAGE

Once you get your wheels and tires swapped, it's important to store the ones you aren't using properly.

Clean
Be sure to clean them — yes, even the insides — and let them dry before placing them in airtight bags to prolong their lives.

Proper place
Store them flat on their sidewalls in a cool, dry place, and out of direct sunlight if possible.

How to get rid of the mould in your car

TIPS

This fungus grows in moist conditions

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On the scale of gross things that can happen to your car, mould ranks way up there.

Mould can be nasty stuff, especially the dangerous Stachybotrys chartarum and chlorohalonata species, also known as black mould. In the worst-case scenario, mould can even kill you, so if you have it growing on your car seats and interior, you need to deal with it immediately.

The main cause of mould is damp conditions mixed with a warm environment, which can easily occur in your car if you leave your window cracked or your sunroof open on a rainy day, or even spill some liquid on the floor. It only takes a small amount of moisture for mould to grow and it can only take a few days to colonize, but once you have mould in your car, it can be a real pain to get rid of .

Getting it professionally cleaned might be the only option in some cases, and can cost hundreds of dollars. But depending on how bad the situation is, there might be some things you can do to fight the mould yourself.

First off, move your car out of the shade and into direct sunlight, if possible, and open all the windows and doors. This will help dry and air out the car, which you need because mould can't grow in dry conditions. You want to leave them open for at least 20 minutes to let the car air out. Not only does mould smell awful, its spores are hazardous to breathe.

Get yourself a dust mask, because even after letting the car air out, there still might be dangerous mould spores hanging around and you do not want to breathe any into your system.

Now you need to assess the damage and find out exactly how much mould in your car there is and where exactly it is. Check anywhere there is a porous or absorbent surface like all the seats and behind and underneath them. Check the carpet and flooring, and in all the corners, and check the seat belts. If you can unzip your seat covers and check the foam inside, do so, because the mould might have grown right into them.

See if you can scrape off the large mould patches with a brush, but be careful not to spread the spores around any worse than they already have. Once you've broken up the mould clumps, clean up the loose mould. Next, get a bucket of warm water and a PH-neutral shampoo and scrub off as much of the remaining mould as you can. Make sure the car has airflow, though, to keep things drying. If it's not windy enough, get some fans going. Now it's time to bust out the cleaner. Don't ever use bleach or ammonia, because it won't properly kill the mould, just stain it and possibly kill some surface mould. Instead, get an enzyme eater. There are mould-eating enzyme cleaners you can buy that eat away at the mould at a microscopic level. These are available at most hardware stores. But not every car mould infestation is unique, however, and some may need different remedies.

One of the most effective and cheapest, albeit smelliest, ways to get rid of the mould is by using white vinegar. This is also a natural, chemical-free way to get rid of the mould. If the vinegar is distilled it should work great. You'll need some water, a spray bottle, and some rags. Mix eight parts vinegar to two parts water, and give it a good shake.

Don't worry about using too much vinegar when spraying. You're going to want to soak the surface in the mixture. Depending on how bad the infection is, you may be spraying the entire car, so be prepared to do so. Let it sit for another 20 minutes.

This should give it enough time to eat away and kill the mold and for most of the vinegar to dry.

Bleach and ammonia won't actually kill mould. What you need is an enzyme eater. ISTOCK

STAY AWAY

You need to remove all of the moisture to make sure mould doesn't come back.

Keep it dry

If you have a dehumidifier, use this in the vehicle to eliminate extra moisture. If you don't have a dehumidifier, sunshine and fresh air should do the trick, and if it's too cold outside for this method to work, use fans and blowers. Worst-case scenario, kitty litter or rice in a sock could help suck some moisture out, too.

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5 COOLEST FACTORY WHEELS ON PRODUCTION CARS

There's a good reason the aftermarket wheel industry is booming while performance parts sales are lagging. Many car owners are OK with investing thousands of dollars into having attractive wheels on their cars, some of which are lightweight and help enhance performance. Take a look at the top five coolest factory wheels that come on production cars. **JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM**

1 Koenigsegg Regera Carbon Fiber Wheel

Arguably the coolest wheels that come on a production car are the carbon fiber rims on theKoenigsegg Regera. The company has made carbon fiber wheel designs for its other vehicles, but the Regera's wheel is unique because it features a design that you wouldn't find in a standard aluminum wheel because it would be too heavy and too weak, according to CEO Christian von Koenigsegg. Oh yeah, and it's centre-locking just like the Porsche 911 GT3 RS.

2 Ford GT Optional carbon fiber wheel

Ford actually began offering carbon fiber wheels with its Shelby GT350R Mustang, but the optional wheel heading to the Ford GT is more attractive in our eyes. The lightweight carbon fiber wheel is available in two finishes: matte or a glossy clearcoat. Not only are they incredibly strong, but they're extremely light, helping reduce unsprung weight and rotation inertia to make the Ford GT deliver an even more dynamic driving experience.

3 BMW M4 GTS

The only wheel on this list that doesn't have some sort of a gimmick, the BMW M4 GTS comes with exclusive M light alloy wheels in star-spoke M styling that are forged, polished, and come in a unique Acid Orange color. Unlike other stock wheels that look quite plain, the BMW M4 GTS wheels feature an aftermarket-like design that's stylish and trendy with a bit of retro flair. The Acid Orange highlights really complement the look of the M4 GTS.

4 Rolls-Royce Self-Righting Centre Cap

In the world of luxury, there are many aspects of a Rolls-Royce vehicle that stand out. But one of the most unique components is the British automaker's self-righting center caps. While other wheels have their centre caps rotating with the rest of the wheel, Rolls-Royce vehicles feature a weighted logo so that the Rolls-Royce logo is always facing the correct direction. It's a subtle detail, but one of many details that help make Rolls-Royces so exquisite.

5 Porsche 911 GT3 RS

True center-locking wheels are a rarity on production cars, but considering that the Porsche 911 GT3 RS is race-bred, they almost feel like a necessity on the sports car. The car comes standard with 20-inch rollers up front and larger 21-inch wheels in the rear, made from a forged alloy and finished in a platinum paint finish. Compared to the conventional four- or five-bolt wheel connection, the center-lock offers enhanced performance thanks to less rotating mass and, of course, it makes it quicker for a wheel and tire change.

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Raptors look to right ship

NBA

High-powered Rockets latest test for Dinos' listless defence

DeMar DeRozan GETTY IMAGES

It was nice that the Toronto Raptors got an extra night in Los Angeles after Monday's game, some of the players got to spend time with family and friends, the rest didn't have to rush to a charter aircraft and a three-hour flight to Houston that would have landed in the wee hours of the morning.

It was made possible by the fact that Toronto had played on consecutive nights and there was going to be no official practice on Tuesday afternoon, a traditional day off in the NBA after back-to-back games.

While the rest was nice for the tired athletes, Raptors coach Dwane Casey would have preferred a couple of hours in a gym somewhere to try to work the kinks out of a defensive system that's all tangled up.

"It's very difficult because we're doing everything now by film and until we get some practice time to get our shell defence rhythm back, and our 1-on-1 defence ... right now, teams are just putting their heads down and going to work," Casey said after Toronto lost for the fourth time in five games, drubbed 123-115 by the Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night.

In the midst of a difficult stretch of games, the Raptors simply haven't had any time to get in a legitimate, work-hard practice session.

Monday's game was their fifth in seven days in three time zones and four cities, a grind even with the perks of charter flights and opulent hotels. There is a game in Houston Wednesday and Friday in Milwaukee before the road trip ends and, finally, they will have two days off in a row and can spend at least one of them in the type of long, intense practice they can't get working on a day between games.

"We can't make excuses," DeMar DeRozan said. "At the end of the day, if it's a tough schedule we have to learn from it. It's the best way to learn from it, going against teams like (the Clippers and) understanding we are right there with them."

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Points scored by the Clippers in the second, third and fourth quarters respectively in the Raptors' 123-115 loss on Monday night in Los Angeles.

The Clippers ran up three quarters of 30 points or more against Toronto on Monday, shot better than 50 per cent from the field and killed the Raptors with the most rudimentary of NBA plays — the pick and roll.

"We have to understand how to close out each quarter," DeRozan said. "It's going to come, once we hit that stride and understand what we need to do defensively from that jump ball to that last second on the court, we will be fine."

It doesn't get less difficult for the Raptors on this road trip — their second longest of the season — before they get home for six in a row.

The Rockets are one of the most prolific offensive teams in the league, led by James Harden, who will be a tough cover for his close friend DeRozan. The Bucks are a unique blend of athleticism and youth that will be playing at home and catching Toronto at the tail end of a long road trip.

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MLS CUP PLAYOFFS

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS

Toronto FC's Clint Irwin punches away an Impact cross during the first leg of the MLS Eastern Conference final on Tuesday night at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

The game started late as the field crew had to repaint lines on an 18-yard box that was judged too narrow. TFC was slow out of the gates and went down 2-0 on goals from former Red Dominic Oduro in the 10th minute and Matteo Mancosu in the 12th.

Toronto was down 3-0 after Ambroise Oyongo's goal in the 53rd, but stormed back with key away goals from Jozy Altidore (68th) and Michael Bradley (73rd) in the eventual 3-2 loss. The second leg goes Nov. 30 at BMO Field.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Spurs dispatched

Tottenham's Harry Kane goes to ground on Tuesday in Monaco. CLAUDE PARIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Monaco sealed first place in Group E of the Champions League with a 2-1 win over Tottenham in a thrilling display of attacking football on Tuesday.

Needing just a draw against the Premier League's last unbeaten side to progress to the knockout phase, Monaco did not hold back. However, it took the hosts 48 minutes to break the deadlock with a goal from Djibril Sidibe, who then turned provider for Thomas Lemar who scored the winner five minutes later.

Harry Kane had equalized from the penalty spot for Spurs, which can no longer qualify for the knockout phase.

"We got ourselves back in the game at 1-1 and it was schoolboy to concede straight after that," Kane said. "We had to try to grind out a win because we were not great tonight. The second goal took the stuffing out of us."

Monaco went ahead when Sidibe, unmarked in the box, planted a powerful header into the net from Benjamin Mendy's cross.

Monaco's lead evaporated as a rare mistake from Kamil Glik, who dragged Dele Alli down in the area, resulted in a penalty. Kane converted with a powerful kick.

But Spurs' defensive inadequacies were exposed from the resulting kickoff as Sidibe burst down the right before crossing for Lemar. The highly praised midfielder, who scored in the corresponding fixture in September at Wembley, restored Monaco's advantage with a shot into the far corner.

"It was a great evening," Sidibe said. "We're playing with a conquering mindset at the moment."

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TUESDAY'S RESULTS

- CSKA Moscow 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1
- **Leicester City 2,** Club Brugge 1
- **Dortmund 8,** Legia Warsaw 4
- Dinamo Zagreb 0, **Lyon 1**
- FC Copenhagen 0, FC Porto 0
- Sevilla 1, **Juventus 3**
- **Monaco 2,** Tottenham 1
- Sporting 1, **Real Madrid 2**

Thomas Lemar GETTY IMAGES

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Borussia Dortmund's 8-4 win over Legia Warsaw broke the record for goals scored in a Champions League match.

Leafs blown over by Hurricanes

NHL

Buds lose for just the third time in 10 games at home

TUESDAY At ACC

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CANES	LEAFS

Former Maple Leafs winger Viktor Stalberg scored the go-ahead goal shorthanded on Tuesday night as the Carolina Hurricanes edged Toronto for their fifth straight victory.

Jeff Skinner also scored for Carolina (8-6-4) with Cam Ward stopping 25 of 26 shots.

Frederik Andersen made 27 saves for Toronto (8-8-3), which lost for only the third time in 10 games at home. Jake Gardiner was the only Leaf to beat Ward.

The night began with a thud on the Leafs' side when star rookie Mitch Marner blocked a hard shot and then absorbed a nasty blow to the face, both courtesy of six-foot-two Hurricanes defenceman Jaccob Slavin. Briefly unable to put pressure on his left leg, Marner wheeled himself awkwardly to the bench and then hobbled around uncomfortably behind it.

The 19-year-old, who sits second in team scoring (16 points), missed only a shift before returning to action.

Gardiner opened the scoring for Toronto a short while later, blowing a point shot past Ward. A hearty screen from rookie winger Connor Brown made the shot difficult to see for the Hurricanes goaltender, who's been rolling of late. Ward came into Tuesday's action with a 5-1-2 record and .944 save percentage in November.

His resurgence, following a rough October, has been key to the Hurricanes' season-long win streak.

The Hurricanes evened the score at 1-1 on a late period power play. Derek Ryan's initial attempt on the opposite side of the goal floated over Andersen and off the crossbar, eventually nudged into the net by the left skate of Skinner. The 24-year-old leads the Hurricanes with six power-play points and 16 points overall this season.

Auston Matthews, meanwhile, continued to generate chances for the Leafs without finding the back of the net. He had two chances in a matter of moments early in the second frame and then fired another opportunity over the net. The 19-year-old has gone 13 consecutive games without scoring, his last goal coming nearly a month ago on Oct. 25.

The Hurricanes jumped ahead in the back half of the second while killing a penalty. Carolina picked off Tyler Bozak's passing attempt in the neutral zone and sent Stalberg in alone, the former Leaf beating Andersen with his third goal in 17 games this season.

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Maple Leafs forward James van Riemsdyk is stopped by Hurricanes goalie Cam Ward on Tuesday night at Air Canada Centre. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Vegas unveils Golden Knights

The NHL's newest team is named the Vegas Golden Knights.

Owner Bill Foley and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman announced the Las Vegas expansion franchise's official name and revealed its logo and colours Tuesday night at a gala ceremony for about 5,000 fans outside T-Mobile Arena, where the Golden Knights will begin play next season.

The Golden Knights' logo is a simple front view of a fighting helmet with a conspicuous "V" in the middle. Their colours are steel grey, gold, red and black.

"Our logo and our name is really going to exhibit the highest element of the warrior class — the knight," Foley told the crowd. "The knight protects the unprotected. The knight defends the realm. The knight never gives up, never gives in, always advances, never retreats. And that is what our team is going to be."

The NHL awarded its 31st franchise in June to this gambling mecca in the Mojave Desert. Foley is a billionaire businessman who sold the league on the potential of being the first major pro sports franchise in the growing market while playing in a new $375-million arena already constructed on the south end of the Strip.

"I'm very proud of our name, and I'm very proud of our logo," Foley said.

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PGA

Hughes sets sights on Masters

With his first PGA Tour victory barely in the books, Mackenzie Hughes is already thinking about his first major.

The Tour rookie from Dundas, Ont., captured his first title at the RSM Classic on Monday by draining a 15-foot par putt on the third playoff hole. Along with the $1.08 million US cheque and a two-year exemption on the PGA Tour, Hughes also received an invite to the 2017 Masters, where he'll be in the field with childhood idol and fellow Canadian Mike Weir.

"I was just beside myself thinking about driving down Magnolia Lane and all the things that go along with the Masters," Hughes said Tuesday. "I've watched that tournament basically every year since I started playing golf and it's like a religious thing to watch every shot there, and now I'm going to be one of those guys.

Mackenzie Hughes GETTY IMAGES

"It's just the coolest feeling in the world."

Weir, who won the Masters in 2003, sent Hughes some "good luck" texts Sunday night and is eager to play a practice round with him at Augusta National next year.

"(Hughes) texted me saying he was looking forward to 'that tournament in April,'" said Weir from his home in Salt Lake City. "To have a few Canadians in the field, it's fun. Hopefully I can show him a few tricks of that golf course. There are a lot of little subtleties that are key to knowing." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Sharks lock up Burns with long-term contract

The San Jose Sharks have signed star defenceman Brent Burns to an eight-year contract extension.

The deal announced Tuesday keeps Burns off the free-agent market next summer and with the Sharks for the long term.

Burns was a finalist for the Norris Trophy last season when he led all defenceman with 27 goals and 48 assists. He has seven goals and nine assists this season for the Sharks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican fans spur Raiders to victory over Texans

Mexican fans welcomed the NFL in raucous fashion, and it probably won't be the last time Azteca Stadium hosts American futbol.

Nearly 80,000 fans showed up to see the Raiders defeat the Houston Texans in a 27-20 win Monday night in what felt like a Raiders home game.

The crowd harassed the Texans and supported the Raiders , one of the most popular NFL teams in Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Notre Dame to vacate 21 wins for misconduct

The NCAA announced Tuesday that Notre Dame must vacate all 21 victories from the 2012 and 2013 seasons, including the 12-0 run that vaulted the Fighting Irish into the national title game against Alabama.

A former student athletic trainer was found to have committed an academic misconduct by doing substantial course work for two players and impermissibly helped six others. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal mayor announces Canadian Grand Prix return

Montreal's mayor says the Canadian Grand Prix will be back next June.

Denis Coderre announced Tuesday there was an agreement in principle between race promoter Groupe Octane and Formula One World Championship Limited.

The provisional Formula One schedule was published in late September with an asterisk next to the Canadian race, scheduled for June 11. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big week for Messam in his hometown

Jerome Messam ran for 133 yards and a touchdown in his last game in Toronto on Oct. 10. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

GREY CUP

Toronto native a big star for in-form Stamps, may win awards

Jerome Messam is going home for his first Grey Cup after seven seasons and five different CFL teams. The CFL's leading rusher will play a prominent role for the Calgary Stampeders in Sunday's game against the Ottawa Redblacks in his hometown Toronto.

Messam, 31, played high school ball at Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in the Toronto suburb of Brampton.

"It's my first Grey Cup. It's been seven years. I'm trying to keep my emotions at bay right now," Messam said. "I know when we get out there on Sunday, it's going to be just a feeling of me arriving. I'm from Toronto. I'm going to have a lot of family there to support me."

The Stampeders flew to Toronto on Tuesday for the 104th Grey Cup. A punishing running back at six-foot-three and 254 pounds, Messam has gained a foothold in Calgary after previous stops in B.C., Edmonton, Montreal and Saskatchewan that lasted two seasons or less.

He topped the CFL in rushing with 1,198 yards in 2016 and was one of just two players to surpass 1,000. Messam is a double threat on offence because of his receiving skills. He totalled 485 passing yards and ranked second in the league in touchdowns.

Former quarterback Damon Allen and CFL commissioner Jeffrey Orridge arrived at Toronto's HMCS York by boat with the Grey Cup Tuesday. CHRISTOPHER KATSAROV/THE CANADIAN PRESS

He set career highs this season in rushing and receiving yards, touchdowns, carries (206) and receptions (54). Messam is up against Hamilton Tiger-Cats receiver Andy Fantuz for the CFL's Outstanding Canadian award. He won the trophy in 2011 after rushing for 1,057 yards for the Edmonton Eskimos.

Award winners will be announced Thursday night in Toronto. "I'm very blessed for it to unfold like this," Messam said. "Hopefully I can win the award, win the game on Sunday at home in front of family and friends." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Prep time: 60 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1 1/2 Tbsp chili powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 6 chicken thighs
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 x 15 oz can of kidney beans
- 1 x 19 oz can of tomatoes
- 1 cup frozen or fresh corn
- 3/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 cup brown rice
- Small handful of chopped cilantro and quartered limes for garnish

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 350 F.
2. On a plate, toss together flour, chili and salt and pepper. Dredge chicken through mixture until well-coated.
3. In a large Dutch oven or oven-proof pot, heat up olive oil over medium-high heat. Brown chicken on both sides. Place browned chicken on a clean plate and put aside. Drain excess fat from pot.
4. Turn heat down to medium and add garlic, allow it to soften and become fragrant. Add beans, tomatoes, stock, corn and rice. Stir. Break up tomatoes with wooden spoon. Raise heat again so mixture comes to a boil.
5. Place the chicken pieces on top of your tomato-y mixture, place a lid on top and place in the oven for 45 to 50 minutes. Remove from the oven and serve with a sprinkling of cilantro and lime.

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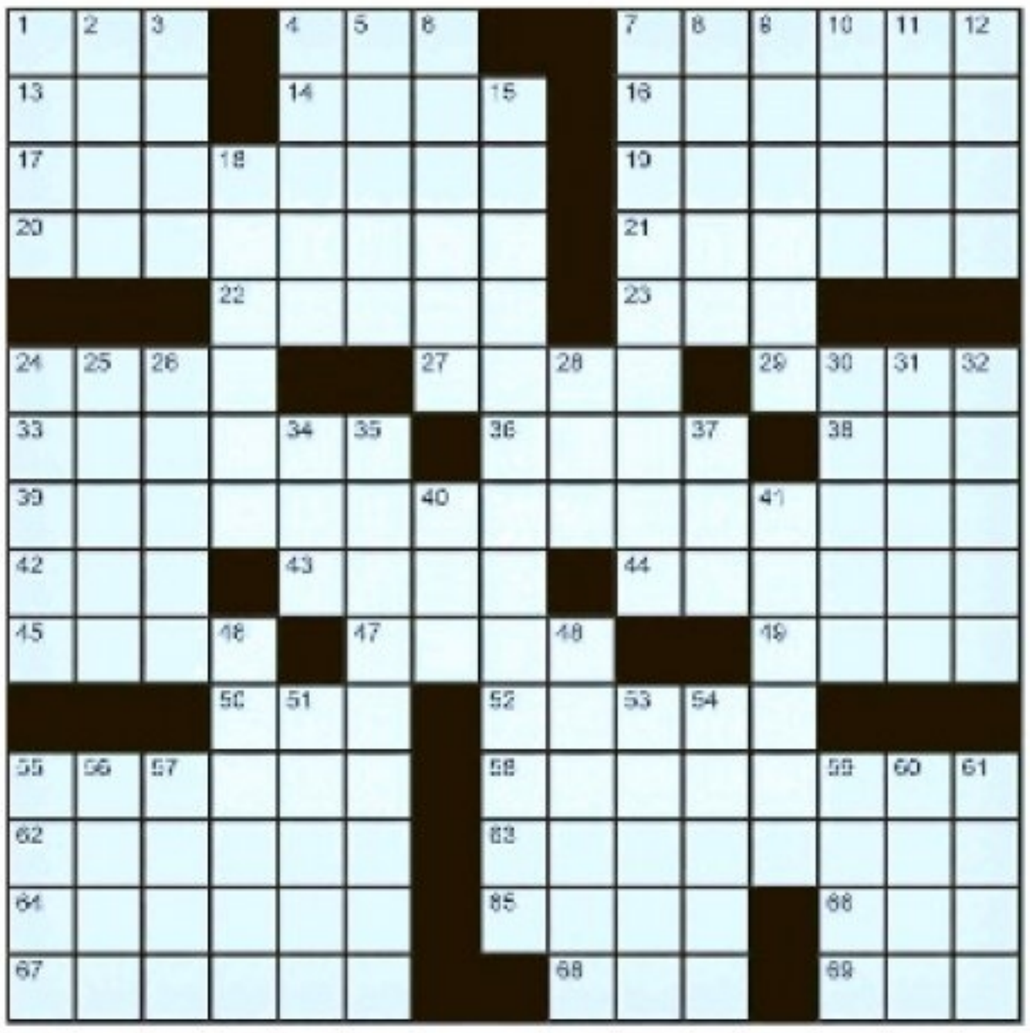

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7. Particular party platter pick
13. Westerns: Mr. Rogers
14. Complain
16. US web destination for the "Game of Thrones" airer: 2 wds.
17. __ pieces (Used old towels to create rags, perhaps)
19. Comedian/actor Ray
20. Begin a journey: 2 wds.
21. Speaks from the podium
22. Christmas-time resin
23. "Oh, give __ home where the buffalo..."
24. New Zealand fruit
27. Palm used for basketry or thatching
29. Canadian ice dancing skater Scott
33. Greek mythology hunk
36. Belgium neighbour [abbr.]
38. Kind of small deer
39. Harbour town in Simcoe County in Ontario on Georgian Bay
42. Butter portion
43. Nose-in-the-air sort
44. Pops in the freezer for a bit
45. Plus
47. Narcotic
49. "...so long __ both shall live?"
50. Alphabetic trio
52. Send payment
55. Materialize
58. Textured like sugar
62. Legendary Canadian contemporary dance company, __ Human Steps
63. Mix, as oil and vinegar
64. Got slippery, like a Winter road: 2 wds.
65. 1990s kind of party
66. Ms. West
67. Gives a speech for the bride and groom
68. __ worth
69. Belonging to the Beaver State, for short

DOWN
1. Fine pursuits
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6. Ringed planet
7. __ scale, in music
8. "Don't be such __!" (Show some enthusiasm!)
9. Negative response to The Queen, informally: 2 wds.
10. Curious as __
11. Cornmeal bread
12. Goth/rock music fans
15. Insignificant issue, trendy-style
18. Short-tailed weasel
24. 10th Greek letter
25. "An __ Husband" (1999)
26. Habits/customs, fancy-style
28. Little, in Montreal
30. Mr. Hershiser's of baseball
31. "__ Want to Be with You" by Dusty Springfield
32. Ms. Witherspoon
34. "__ all good." (No worries)
35. Golfing hazards: 2 wds.
37. ___ Prince Albert of Monaco
40. __'easter
41. Away-from-work break
46. Mythological mountain nymphs
48. Berlin's language
51. Armee du __ = The Salvation Army
53. Particular purple
54. Chesterfield __ (Municipality in Nunavut)
55. Settled off the saddle
56. Fashion designer, __ Rabanne
57. Legal 'deal'
59. Red carpet ride
60. At a distance
61. Reuben breads

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are prepared to work hard to study or learn something new today. Get as much done as possible, because you have the mental discipline to do this today.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might be discouraged about your fair share of something today. At least you will learn what the legal ramifications and restrictions are that you have to face.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
People are in a serious frame of mind today, which is why conversations with partners and close friends are practical and to the point. Someone older might give you his or her opinion or advice.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Listen to the advice of someone older at work today, because it could save you time. One thing is certain — today you have to play by the rules, plain and simple.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Children might be an increased responsibility today. Social occasions intended for entertainment and fun will require work and serious planning.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Family discussions will be serious today. Someone older or in a position of authority will have sway. It's a good day to discuss home repairs.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's easy to fall into worry mode today. Fortunately, your mind is focused, sharp and will pay attention to small details. Choose work that requires mental concentration.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You feel cautious about financial issues today. You might be concerned that you don't have enough money to do something, or you might be hesitant about a major expenditure.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today you feel careful and cautious about everything. Although you usually do things in big gestures, today you are conservative.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Research of any kind will go well today, because you have the right frame of mind to do routine work and focus on details. Expect solid results as your payoff.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Someone older or more experienced will influence you today. Do not let pessimism limit your future goals and planning.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Follow the rules and play things by the book when dealing with bosses, parents and VIPs today. People are cautious and careful today. Don't push your luck.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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